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Historical Society Asks Planning Board to Okay Move to Countryside

Making their case to relocate to new facilities on Quaker Road, representatives from the Historical Society of Princeton (HSP) went before the Regional Planning Board Thursday in an effort to outline plans for the site that will one day house the Society's administrative offices and reception facilities.

The preview was not delivered as a formal application, but it did offer a glimpse of what to expect when the HSP moves from the Bainbridge House on Nassau Street to the Updike Farm, purchased for \$1.25 million in April 2004. The pricetag was offset by a \$400,000 grant from New Jersey Green Acres and \$191,290 from Mercer County Open Space Preservation Board.

HSP is planning on adding a 4,500 square-foot building to the six-acre farm, which lies adjacent to land owned by the Institute for Advanced Study. The building will also house a museum and library, in addition to providing year-round tours, according to John Dumont, president of the HSP board of trustees. Currently onsite are an existing farmhouse and a small garage.

Gail Stern, HSP director, said the reason for acquiring the Updike Farm was to preserve the farm itself, adding that the organization's presence will create minimal traffic. The area is also intended for preservation in the open space and recreation element of the Princeton Community Master Plan and is located in a State and National Historic District and in the Princeton Township's Battlefield District.

In an arguably tougher sell in August, the HSP's architects for the projects, Penny Watson and Michael Henry, gave a more precise physical description to the Princeton Township Historic Preservation Commission. In that presentation, Mr. Henry outlined the need to build a facility that could adequately house items such as the 65 pieces of Albert Einstein's furniture, part of a donation to HSP from the Institute for Advanced Study. The pieces have "very specific requirements," Mr. Henry said then, referring to climate control and risk management.

In Thursday's hearing, HSP representatives assured Planning

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Shopping Center Getting a Facelift

The Princeton Shopping Center is again due for a major physical overhaul.

Last Thursday the Regional Planning Board of Princeton gave the green light to the Shopping Center's management agent, the Manhattan-based George Comfort & Sons, to move forward with significant design changes to the interior and exterior of the facility, one of the first of its kind to have an internal courtyard as compared to the modern strip mall that faces the road with parking in front.

Described by architects as a three-year, phased modernization, changes will include new storefronts, walls, and awnings with a different color scheme, signs, lighting, and landscaping.

Revitalization of the Center's clock tower and entryways are also planned.

"It's quite a substantial amount of improvement," said Thomas Letizia, attorney for the Shopping Center, recognizing that "passions run high" whenever changes are proposed to the aging facility, which has not undergone a major cosmetic change in nearly 20 years.

But perhaps the biggest revelation is what will not change: the fountain that lies in the center courtyard.

Several residents with children in tow appealed to the Planning Board that the proposed removal of the fountain that lies in the courtyard be nixed, saying that it serves as an attraction for children and offers solace for parents spending time in the courtyard.

Calling it a "quality of life issue," Wendy Kaczerski of Chestnut Street said removing the fountain would impact negatively on the "spirit that the Shopping Center provides.

"There are some elements of the

[redesign] that I'm in favor of, but this is the one element that I feel strongly about," she said, after her eight-year-old daughter, Natasha Shatzkin, read a letter to the Planning Board outlining a 176-signature petition to keep the fountain intact; Planning Board stipulations require petitions to be formally submitted for consideration.

"We beg our moms and dads to go to the fountain, even when they're in a hurry," the letter read.

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With Council Seat Filled for Now, The Question Is "What Happened?"

When Kevin Wilkes announced last week that he would withdraw from the running for a vacant seat on Princeton Borough Council, the reason for his decision was clear-cut and inarguable because of a little known law pointed out to Borough Attorney Michael Herbert by Councilman David Goldfarb.

Mr. Wilkes, a Borough resident from 2003 to 2004, and again from this past July to the present, did not meet residency requirements involved in running for municipal office, which dictate a one-year continuous residency.

The state law was designed to pre-

vent carpetbagging, and when Mr. Wilkes's candidacy was deemed invalid by Mr. Herbert it led to the Council's election of Westcott Road resident Barbara Trelstad to the spot.

Mr. Wilkes had come "highly recommended" by the Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee (PDMC). Mr. Wilkes and Ms. Trelstad, along with Alexander Street resident Anne Neumann, had been selected as the three candidates for the open seat vacated by Mildred Trotman when she assumed the mayor's post.

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A 21st CENTURY SHOPPING CENTER? The Regional Planning Board has given the Princeton Shopping Center the go-ahead to proceed with significant physical overhaul of the aging facility. The three-year, phased project will include additional pathways through green areas, changes in landscaping and color schemes, and refurbished storefronts.

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Lewis School Celebrates 32nd Annual Tree of Light

This Friday, December 9, from 7-9:30 p.m., the Lewis School of Princeton will host their annual Tree of Light Celebration. The event is open to the public and will include musical entertainment and refreshments.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Mason Potter who attended the Lewis School in the early 1970's and went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a BA from William Paterson College. He continued his educational achievements at the Life Chiropractic College West, graduating with a doctor of chiropractic degree. Currently, Dr. Potter is president and owner of Network Chiropractic of Somerset, P.C.

The evening's performances will include: the Lewis School Children's Chorus, harpist Elaine Bejjani, the A-Cappella Chorus, Koleinu, the Princeton University Nassoons, Tigerlilies, and Wildcats.

More than 150,000 lights will be lit on the 30 foot blue Norwegian Spruce tree in recognition of the gifts and great promise of learning-different persons everywhere. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the school's scholarship and program fund.

Nominations Sought For Tribute to Women Awards

The YWCA Princeton is currently accepting nominations for Tribute to Women 2006 Awards. Selected nominees will be honored at the annual awards dinner, to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

Now in its 23rd year, this national YWCA awards program recognizes outstanding women of excellence, from the greater Princeton community, who have made significant contributions in their professions and communities by demonstration a high level of leadership and exceptional talent, while supporting the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism and empower women.

A nominee can be a professional, elected official, educator, business entrepreneur, or volunteer from the public or private sectors. Most importantly, each nominee's accomplishments should reflect the YWCA's mission.

To obtain a nomination form or for additional information about the tribute to Women awards dinner, visit www.ywcaprinceton.org or call (609) 497-2100, ext.

333. Nominations must be completed and postmarked by January 4, 2006 to be considered.

Mental Health Seminar To Be Held at RWJ

The New Jersey Affiliate of the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation will host Dr. Rita R. Newman at its next quarterly meeting on Monday, December 12, at the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The meeting will be held in the medical education building in room 108A from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m..

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) symptoms can occur in people of all ages and is more common than one might imagine. Fortunately, very effective treatments for OCD are now available to help sufferers and their families regain a more satisfying life. OCD is a medical brain disorder that causes problems in information processing.

Dr. Newman has maintained a psychiatric practice in Short Hills, New Jersey for more than twenty years. She is also a full attending physician at a local hospital and has presided over many mental health and women's organizations. She currently chairs the Human Rights Committee of the Association of Women

Psychiatrists and is a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

For many years, Dr. Newman has conducted workshops, courses and seminars at national meetings and international congresses on sexual harassment in the workplace, post-traumatic stress disorder, and the well-being of Holocaust survivors. The treatment of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Psychopharmacology are an integral part of her expertise. The New Jersey Affiliate of the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation is a nonprofit organization sanctioned by the National Obsessive Compulsive Foundation. This meeting is appropriate for mental health professionals, OCD sufferers and their family members.

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Any future development at the current site of the University Medical Center at Princeton could move closer to realization this Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall, as the **Regional Planning Board of Princeton** is slated to hold a public hearing on amendments to the Princeton Community Master Plan. The Board will decide whether to add a section, "Reuse of the Witherspoon Street Medical Center Campus" to the Master plan, and will hear public comment.

Then on Monday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall, the **Planning Board** will consider Master Plan changes concerning future housing policies related to affordable housing plans in line with new state requirements.

Princeton Borough Council is expected to consider an ordinance next Tuesday, December 13, that, if passed, would increase Princeton University's development capacity in its Engineering Quadrangle (E-Quad) by 100,000 square feet. The University and residents of the nearby Murray Place neighborhood have arrived at an amicable agreement ensuring that any future development will be well-buffered and low impact, while producing a minimal amount of car traffic with the use of P-Rides, the University's shuttle system. However, a problem that will likely be revisited is some Council members' contention that the University should increase its voluntary payments to the Borough as the University continues to grow.

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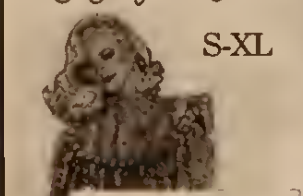


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OUT OF THE VAULT: Glen Echo Books at the corner of Bank and Nassau opened with little fanfare this fall, but owners hope to pull Princeton's commercial district just slightly further westward. Deb Hunter, the owner of Glen Echo, said she wants to see the book tradition continued on that site, which had been home to Witherspoon Books. But unlike that store, which was housed in the old bank building's vault, Glen Echo occupies a space visible from Nassau Street.

(Photo by Lorraine Edwards)

New Bookstore Emerges From the Vault On the Western End of Nassau Street

For Deb Hunter, there was really only one objective in opening her new bookstore, Glen Echo Books, in Princeton: location.

For her, the old bank building on the corner of Nassau Street and Bank Street across from University Place has a proven track record that supports businesses like hers; the basement, formally the old bank's vault, was the 35-year home to Witherspoon Books, whose owner, Pat McConahay, retired this summer, closing the vault door behind him.

So in October, when Glen Echo Books emerged

as a colorful, slightly more mainstream shop than Witherspoon, the literary legacy of that spot continued.

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"We had visions for the place," said Ms. Hunter, a Hillsborough resident who also owns another bookstore there. "This was going to work one way or another."

But one significant difference between Glen Echo and Witherspoon Books is that it has come out of the vault; this store is visible from the street. "It was just icing on the cake when we got to move this forward."

The space had been vacant for eight years, said Rose Mary Foglesong, a Princeton Township resident and the store's bookbuyer and manager; prior to that, it had been a print shop. "The vault was really small, and we felt we needed the bigger space, so we worked out a deal."

Ms. Hunter and company raised the ceiling, and effectively conducted a physical overhaul that has turned what had been a dingy basement into something that is, well, cheery.

The brightly-colored walls and the abundant sunlight that comes into the shop, which includes a children's section, reflects the attitudes of both the owner and the manager. They are eager and excited to launch an enterprise that, they hope, will extend commercial Nassau Street a few more feet to the West.

The bookstore features used books with pricing "slightly" below half of the original price, depending on the book's condition, and all new books are discounted, Ms. Foglesong said, adding that the store is able to maintain that level of pricing while generating a profit because of the changing climate of bookstores.

During the 1990s, Ms. Foglesong ran Doubleday Books on Palmer Square West — about the same size as Glen Echo, "and we did an obscene amount of business in that tiny little space — it was just unheard of." Of course, Doubleday was not without competition:

in addition to major chains on Route 1, there were Micawber Books, and Pyramid Books, just a stone's throw away from Doubleday at the corner of Hulfish and Witherspoon Streets. Doubleday, owned by Barnes & Noble, was eventually closed down so that the company was not competing with itself.

"Nowadays, you're in a competitive market where you have the Internet where people buy books and people buying books at used bookstores and the superstores."

"My feeling is that the only way to be competitive is you have to offer some sort of discount on your merchandise — the customer can buy it anywhere: why buy it from you?"

The Internet, Ms. Foglesong said, simply represents

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New Bookstore

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another bookstore, and thus, another competitor. "That's the way you have to look at it."

Besides the pricing structure, Glen Echo does deliveries to schools, assisted living communities, homes, and businesses. "Sometimes getting downtown and finding a parking space is difficult, so if that's a problem for the customer, if they are working in town or live close by, we can get one of our employees to drop it off." Books can also be purchased through the store's Web site, www.chickletbooks.com, which bears the same name of Glen Echo's Hillsborough sister store.

However, Ms. Foglesong said competition is generally good-natured and that co-existing with other booksellers is vital to staying afloat: "the book business is like one big family."

—Matthew Hersh

Princeton Human Services Holds Holiday Toy Drive

Princeton Human Services is currently seeking donors for its 7th annual toy drive. Over the years, local businesses and private donors have made hundreds of economically deprived children of Princeton Township and Borough Christmas holiday wishes come true by providing them with at least one toy on their list. For information on how to contribute, call the Princeton Human Services at (609) 688-2055.

Princeton Care Center Holds Holiday Campaign

Princeton Care Center recently raised just under \$2,000 to aid a family left homeless by hurricane Katrina. Charlie Ianni, RN and activities director Karen Oltarzewski spearheaded a series of fundraisers that began with a sports apparel sale of donated items and culminated with the annual facility wide bake sale.

Also, for its holiday cam-

paign, Princeton CARE Center Princeton Care Center, formerly Princeton Nursing Home located on Quarry Road, will extend its long-standing tradition of fostering independence and self esteem by street in Princeton Borough, partnering with area churches is at its two year old, 65,000 and businesses to benefit the square foot facility on 728 residents at The Crisis Center Bunn Drive in Princeton in Trenton. As one of the Township. They offer a community collection sites, the plete continuum of care in center will provide a box in both short term subacute its main lobby for staff, residents and visitors to contribute long term units all consisting of personal care items such as private and semi private as dental care products, hair rooms. For additional information call (609) 924-9000, poo and conditioner, brushes, ext. 116. combs, and skin lotions for adults, children, and babies.

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Trelstad: First Term on Council, Albeit Brief, Will Be Valuable

If nothing else, Barbara Trelstad's first term on Princeton Borough Council will be noted as one of the briefest in history.

The new member of Council, selected in a 3-2 vote last week to fill out the remainder of now-Mayor Mildred Trotman's unexpired Council term, is guaranteed to hold the seat through the end of the year. After that, it's anybody's guess.

But in the meantime, Ms. Trelstad, a Democrat who intends to run for a special one-year term after this term expires, said the next few weeks should prove interesting and educational.

Ms. Trelstad was scheduled to be formally sworn in at Borough Council's session last night, after Town Topics went to press.

As a member of the Regional Planning Board's Site Plan Review Advisory Board, and of the Princeton Environmental Commission, Ms. Trelstad is certainly not uninformed when it comes to local issues, but she said she intends to listen and familiarize herself with all the issues facing the Borough.

"Obviously, this is a very short term and I have a lot to learn, so I am going to focus on learning as much as I can in a very short period of time," she said.

A resident of Westcott Road, Ms. Trelstad, 65, said she has been meeting with other Council members and residents to "get an idea of what people think are the important issues," citing the

hospital site as the major concern right now. Last week, Princeton HealthCare System announced its intention to relocate the University Medical Center at Princeton to Route 1 in Plainsboro and Ms. Trelstad said that the redevelopment of the vacated sites on Witherspoon Street and that of the Merwick Care Center on Bayard Lane are priorities.

While vying for the Council seat, Ms. Trelstad, who defeated Alexander Street resident Anne Neumann, also cited the Borough's affordable housing mandate and town-gown relations as major issues. "There's so much on our plate right now."

Ms. Trelstad's appointment to the Council follows the withdrawal of the perceived frontrunner in the race for the seat, MacLean Street resident Kevin Wilkes, who removed his name from consideration December 6 when it was discovered that a state law that dictates a one-year residency requirement precluded him from serving on the governing body. Mr. Wilkes, a Borough resident from 2003 to 2004, moved to Montgomery Township for a year before returning to the Borough this past July.

Ms. Trelstad, who knew of Mr. Wilkes's intention to withdraw from the race before he made his decision public to Council, said that the event had little effect on how she presented herself in the selection process, but

added that any of the three selected were qualified for the spot.

As far as governing, the newest member of Council could not say definitively what role she would play on the municipal body ("I certainly don't think things need to be restated just to hear myself talk") and that establishing herself on Council is a top priority.

"My sense is that I'll be a little quiet at first," she said, but added that being on Council has given her a way to manifest her intention to contribute to the community: "Here's an opportunity."

— Matthew Hersh



PEACE TRAIN AT THE DINKY: Dr. Parvaiz Malik, former president of the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey, addressed participants prior to the departure of the Dinky connecting to the "Peace Train" bound for Newark and Saturday's rally protesting the war in Iraq. Rev. Robert Moore, executive director of the Coalition for Peace Action, is standing beside Mr. Malik.

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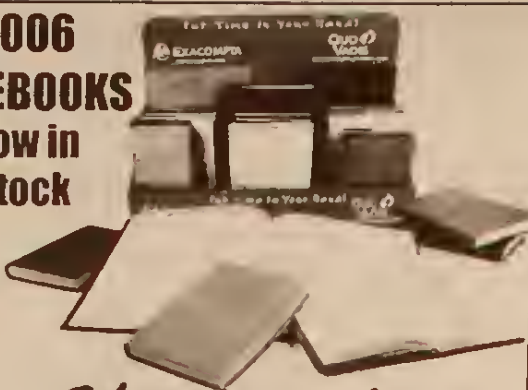
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The question remains: why wasn't more known about that law? According to Councilman Andrew Koontz, it was passed over because it had never really been taken into account. Had a candidate been a short-time resident unfamiliar with local issues, Mr. Koontz said, he or she would never have been considered for the post in the first place.

"Clearly, that wasn't the case with any of the can-

didates," Mr. Koontz, who is also the PDMC chairman, said in an interview Thursday. Aside from the person having to be a registered voter and a current resident, he said, "that was pretty much it," in terms of requirements that were known at the time.

Mr. Koontz called the state requirement "ill-conceived," "unnecessary," and "superfluous," and said that he intends to contact representatives of the state legislature to try to lobby for a change in the law.

Mr. Goldfarb said he noticed that something was awry when he was mailed Mr. Wilkes's resume over the Thanksgiving weekend, outlining the candidate's occupational and residency qualifications.

"He gave a brief history of where he lived and it sort of jumped out at me," said Mr. Goldfarb, also a PDMC member who was part of the recommendation process. He was only left to speculate that because Mr. Wilkes, a relative newcomer to the Borough political scene as a chief organizer of Writers Block and an architectural consultant during Princeton Future's Witherspoon Street Corridor Study, was unknown in larger circles prior to last year, PDMC members "just assumed" that he met the residency mandate.

"The requirements, although they seem clear now that they've been pointed out, are really fairly complex," Mr. Goldfarb said, "particularly when you deal with a situation such as we had here." He was referring to the fact that then-acting-Mayor Mildred Trotman's had been re-elected to her Council seat the day before being sworn in as mayor following the October death of Mayor Joseph O'Neill.

Ms. Trelstad, who was scheduled to be officially sworn in last night to fill out Ms. Trotman's lame duck Council term, set to expire December 31, will have to make the decision to vie for a special one-year term when the PDMC again convenes to make recommendations for that spot in January.

—Matthew Hersh

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The Holiday Blues

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QUESTION: I'm dreading the holidays. Every year at this time, I get a bad case of "the blues", and can't seem to shake them. My family gets frustrated with me, and I just don't understand why I'm down when everybody else is up. Can you help me?

ANSWER: To understand why many people get depressed during what most people picture as the happiest time of the year, we must look at what was & what might have been.

1. WHAT WAS: Imagine someone whose parents or spouse has recently died. Their first Christmas alone finds their minds irresistibly drawn back to past holidays filled with laughter and joy, all the more intensifying their feelings of loss. While this phenomenon is normal, and while one adjusts to death with time, nonetheless, it is important to note that some remnant of this feeling will remain, the holidays forever having a twinge of pain amidst a season of cheer.

2. WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN: Far more difficult is the problem of what might have been. Imagine now someone who has been recently divorced. The holidays, a time when families are together with children "nestled in their beds" finds this person often bitterly separated from their spouse and grudgingly shuffling their children back and forth hoping to foster some semblance of family. Knowing it could be different, this person agonizes over what could have been if only certain mistakes had not been made, usually in their mind by the other person.

3. WHAT WAS BAD: Now think of someone whose past is anything but happy, perhaps having lived at odds with their parents, feeling that their parents never really cared. Imagine the pain of an adult child of an alcoholic or an adult survivor of incest. Watching numerous saccharine and ubiquitous Christmas specials on television depicting unrealistically happy families sitting arm in arm together in front of "the old Yule log" may be torture, producing feelings of jealousy, sadness, and intense anger.

4. WHAT CAN HELP?

a. What Was Good: We need to cherish our memories, realizing that our loved ones would not want us to endlessly suffer. They would want us to go on, reassuring us that to enjoy today is not to be disrespectful to yesterday.

b. What Might Have Been: While it is important to reflect on a past divorce to learn from our mistakes, it is not healthy to dwell on them. Instead of being stuck on what was lost in the past, it seems best to free ourselves to see what we have in the present.

c. What Was Bad: Dealing with emotional or physical abuse from childhood is far more difficult, probably requiring therapy, expressing anger assertively when possible, and, ultimately, forgiveness.

d. Perfect Happiness: Some of what underlies the holiday blues is an innate desire to be perfectly happy. Unfortunately, this is an impossible task, for perfect happiness can only be attained through union with a perfect being, namely, God. Our earthly life, being limited, is, therefore, open to suffering. We all need to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas and of life, realizing that Christ was born in a manger and died on a cross, but brought us eternal salvation. That Christmas present will not fade or tarnish, its value being so wonderful as to bring a smile to our face, and, hopefully, us to Church to give thanks.

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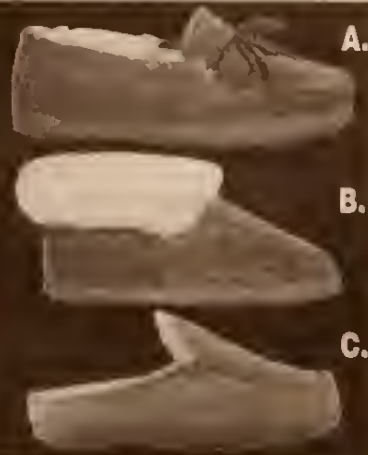
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in the courtyard was another point of concern for some residents. Fifty-eight trees will be planted to mitigate the loss of 31 trees that will fall to new construction. Plans also call for the installation of over 6000 shrubs.

In addition to keeping some sort of "water feature" at the Shopping Center, Princeton Township Engineer Robert Kiser recommended resolving potential obstruction of the fire hydrant by the bike rack at the entrance that lies between McCaffrey's and Bon Appetit. The Shopping Center management was also asked to consider planting a descendant of the Mercer Oak somewhere on site.

While Dana Comfort, representing the Shopping Center's managing agent, said that landscaping recommendations would be taken into consideration, flowers and other plantings should not be "legislated," adding that the flowers — a draw for some Shopping Center patrons — are "something we've done on our own."

Planning Board Chairman Wanda Gunning agreed, saying that the landscaping plans put forth by the Shopping Center would be "attractive."

The changes to the mid-century Shopping Center will reflect ideas sought when the facility was first built. Color schemes will change back to red and brown tones from the current green and white, to reflect the original design. According to Ms. Gunning, the original "red brick" with white trim coloring was meant to match the Colonial revival architecture of Princeton.

"Life has moved on a lot for the Princeton Shopping Center since then, and I think that every once in a while you have to sit back and look at who you're marketing to," she said, adding that "people were really expected to come in from the countryside," referring to the then-undeveloped Montgomery Township and surrounding areas back when the Shopping Center was built.

—Matthew Hersh

Andors Teacher of the Year Is Eden Institute's Dion

Nicole Dion of Hamilton has been recognized as the 2005 Andors Teacher of the Year. Located in Princeton, the Eden Institute provides year-round educational programs for children with autism.

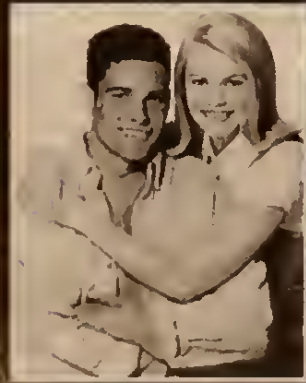
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Ms. Dion has worked for the Eden Family of Services since 2003. Currently she is a teaching assistant in Eden's Middle Childhood program.

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DOWN FOR THE COUNT: The count was the better part of a sunny Tuesday afternoon before the pole that fell victim to a tractor trailer was back in place again.

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RESCUE IN PROGRESS: Enroute to the hospital, the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad's Frank Setnick checks the vital signs of a female patient.

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Fire Wire

The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to more than 20 calls in the past week. The Department responded to false alarms or malfunctioning fire alarm systems on Lafayette Road, Nassau Street, Governors Lane, Johnson Park School, Littlebrook Road, Faculty Road, Mt. Lucas Road, Lawrence Drive, Castle Howard Court, Boudinot Street, Constitution Hill West, Cleveland Lane, Prospect Avenue and Edwards Place.

On the morning of November 28, crews responded to a motor vehicle accident with smoke showing from the engine compartment. Upon investigation it was determined that the smoke was powder from the deployed air bag.

On December 1, crews responded to Princeton High School for a report of a smell of natural gas. PSE&G was working in the area and possibly released gas outside the building as part of their work.

Another reported gas leak turned out to be a burned piece of plastic left near a stove at an apartment on Witherspoon Street on the 2nd.

Early in the morning of December 2, crews responded to a Province Line Road residence for a smoke condition. First arriving responders determined the smoke to have been caused by a furnace backfire.

Early in the morning of the 4th crews responded to two calls on Princeton University property. The first was for a trash can fire on the fourth floor of a residence hall. The small fire was smoldering upon arrival and quickly contained. Another small fire in another dormitory was reported shortly thereafter. This fire was quickly knocked down. In both cases crews cleared the building of smoke before turning the scene over to University personnel. The Township Fire Marshall is investigating both incidents; there were no injuries and little property damage.

Safety fact of the week:

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February, and trails only cooking equipment in home fires year-round.

In 1999, there were 48,800 heating equipment-

related home fires reported to U.S. fire departments, resulting in 301 deaths, 1,383 injuries and \$606.5 million in property damage.

Common causes of space heating home fires are: lack of regular cleaning, leading to creosote build-up, in wood-burning devices and associated chimneys and connectors; failing to give space heaters space, by installing or placing them too close to combustibles; basic flaws in the construction or design of wood-burning heating equipment; and fueling errors involving liquid- or gas-fueled heating equipment.

Safety tips:

- When buying a new unit, make sure that a qualified technician installs the unit or checks that it has been installed properly.

- For wood or coal stoves or fireplaces, have a professional inspect the chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year, and have them cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.

- Keep space heaters at least three feet (or one meter) away from anything that can burn.

- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline. Use only if such heaters are legal in your community.

- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, choose devices with automatic shut-off features.

- Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unventilated gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.

- Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave a room or go to bed.

The Princeton Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country. The Fire Department was founded in 1788 and is made up of three fire companies: Princeton Hook & Ladder, Mercer Engine Company #3, and Princeton Engine Company #1. The department has 50 active members that respond to emergency calls each year. Last year the fire department responded to 1,200 fire emergency calls

within the community. The department is always looking for more members; if you are interested please call (609) 497-7645 or (609) 731-1314.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 36 calls last week. Thirteen were located in Princeton Township, 19 in Princeton Borough, and 4 calls were to neighboring municipalities. Included in the above numbers are two calls to Princeton University.

On Saturday evening, November 26, the Squad was busy with three calls in an hour. The first was for an 80-year-old woman having an acute myocardial infarction (heart attack). Shortly after transporting the patient to the hospital, the Squad was dispatched to help an elderly man who fell. The third call was at a house that had a carbon monoxide condition, and the residents were concerned for the welfare of their 10 day-old baby. The baby did not have any symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and the parents opted to follow up with their pediatrician.

On Friday, December 2, the Squad responded to Triumph Brewery for a 30 year-old female who was experiencing abdominal pain and had passed out. The patient reported she has not eaten much that day due to the abdominal pains, which she had been experiencing for two weeks. The patient said that she felt faint at dinner and had passed out on her way to the bathroom. The Squad transported the patient to the hospital for evaluation.

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MOVING TO THE COUNTRY: Representatives of the Historical Society of Princeton appeared before the Regional Planning Board Thursday to deliver a conceptual vision of their planned headquarters on the six-acre Updike Farmstead on Quaker Road. The Society is expected to submit a formal proposal to the Planning Board sometime next year. It will retain its current headquarters, Balnbridge House on Nassau Street, exclusively as a museum.

(Photo Courtesy of the Historical Society of Princeton)

Historical Society

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representatives assured Planning Board members that any new construction would be done to improve public access, would employ Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standard, and would use construction materials in accord with the appearance of the 200-year-old farm.

Ms. Stern also said that parking for large scale events at the farm would be offsite with visitors shuttled in, and that the current layout would accommodate 37 parking spaces. Additionally, she said there were still "unanswered" questions related to sewer and wastewater infrastructure.

The farm had been inhabited by siblings Stanley and Sara Updike. After both died late in 2002, the property was turned over to nephew Donald C. Updike, the executor of the Stanley's estate. Mr. Updike said that family pride in the property led to the sale to the Historic Society.

The proposal to convert the farm into the HSP headquarters is expected to be formally submitted to the Planning Board sometime in 2006. In the meantime, the New Jersey Historic Sites Council is reviewing the proposal and will base its approval or rejection of the plan on the Planning Board's ultimate decision.

—Matthew Hersh

has gotten much worse with the waves of femicide especially since 2000.

Over the past year as a Fulbright New Century Scholar, she carried out collaborative global research on responses to gender violence and helped develop a proposal for an International Truth Commission on Violence against Women. Presently, as a Representative of the International Grail at the United Nations, she is involved in consultations on the Secretary General's Study on Violence Against Women. In October, she attended the International Forum of the Association of Women's Rights in Development in Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Maher is a Lecturer in Ecumenical Studies at Union theological Seminary, New York City.

Out of the context of her life experience, Dr. Maher will outline the major advances over the past decade in responding to violence against women and highlight present challenges and opportunities. These will include the pandemic of femicide, or the widespread killing of women in Latin America, as well as the rise of fundamentalisms, or resistance to women's rights in the name of religion and culture. With clear examples from around the globe, Dr. Maher will describe how grass-roots women are claiming their universal rights to freedom from violence today in ways specific to cultural and religious diversity.

University Talk to Focus On Domestic Violence

As a part of a two-year campaign on Violence Against Women, the Mercer County and Princeton University Chapters of Amnesty International have invited Dr. Monica Maher to address women's rights issues with a talk this Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in McCosh 4 on the University campus.

Dr. Maher, a long-time women's rights activist, worked seven years living with grass-roots women's groups in Latin America. She will talk about how rural women came to identify violence against women as a public health issue in Central America (particularly Honduras), and how the violence

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Sons were born to Lalitha Subramanian and Sambasivam Sampathnathan, Lawrenceville, December 3; and Alicia and Rodney Mitchell, Rocky Hill, December 4.

Daughters were born to Shannon and Thomas Kane, Lawrenceville, November 29; Simone Holderbach and Martin Roetteler, Princeton, December 1; Helen and Leslie Yuen, Lawrenceville, December 1; Ellen and Karl Falkenstein, Lawrenceville, December 2; and Rebecca and Alex Roe, Princeton, December 4.

WEDDINGS



Amy Keneman and Merouane Djerbal

Keneman-Djerbal. Amy Lynn Keneman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Keneman of Princeton, to Merouane Djerbal, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daho Djerbal of Algiers, Algeria. The Rev. William A. McQuoid performed the ceremony at the Keneman residence at sunset on October 1.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and was attended by Caroline Harbat as maid of honor and Gabriella Amiet as flower girl. The best man was Nabil Mid; Nicholas DiCostanza served as ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Hopewell Valley Central High School. She received her B.A. from The College of New Jersey and a Certificate in Human Resource Management from Cornell University, ILR School. She is employed by CRP Industries of Carteret.

The groom graduated from high school in Algiers and received his B.S. from William Patterson University. He is employed by Pequod Communications, Princeton.

The couple plans a winter trip to Algeria and a honeymoon in southern Europe. They reside in Hightstown.

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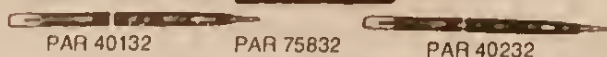
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Evita at the NJPAC from December 19 through 24.

Potential performers should be between eight and twelve years old, no taller than 5'2" and must be able to sing and stand still for long periods of time. Auditionees must prepare a song from memory that best exemplifies their singing ability (this is a non-Equity audition), and must bring sheet music in the cho-

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Princeton Young Achievers (PYA) announced a challenge grant of \$20,000 that will provide matching funds for any new donations or increases from prior donors made by December 31. The matching grant, in effect, doubles any new donations.

PYA is an academically oriented after school program that serves children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, offering homework support, tutoring, and enrichment activities in science and language arts. Over 100 students are served each week at the centers located on Clay Street, Redding Circle and in Princeton Community Village.

According to Dr. Rebecca White-Johnson, Executive Director, "Two anonymous, longtime supporters decided to offer the challenge as a way to build a broader base of donors in the Princeton community and encourage past donors to do more." PYA will not be able to serve as many children this year or be remain open until June unless the community can fill the gap of \$65,000 left when funding for all community based programs.

In addition to the new contributors, PYA is looking for new volunteers to supplement the work staff and for program activities. For additional information call Rebecca White-Johnson at (609) 806-4216.

Local Fare

from Princeton's kitchens

Melissa Bilyeu, Town Topics Advertising Department

Holiday Peppermint Bark

Makes 2 pounds

1 package (12 oz) White Chocolate Morsels
 1 package (12 oz) Milk Chocolate Morsels
 24 hard peppermint candies or candy canes

1. Line baking sheet with waxed paper.
2. Place peppermint candies or candy canes in a heavy plastic bag and cover with a towel. Crush candy using a rolling pin or another heavy object. Set aside.
3. Microwave White Chocolate Morsels in a medium, microwave-safe bowl on medium power for 1 minute, stir. Microwave at additional 10 second intervals until smooth.
4. Spread mixture to desired thickness on prepared baking sheet. Let cool until slightly hardened.
5. Microwave Milk Chocolate Morsels in a medium, microwave-safe bowl on medium power for 1 minute, stir. Microwave at additional 10 second intervals until smooth.
6. Spread mixture on top of hardened White Chocolate Morsels.
7. While this mixture is still soft, sprinkle crushed peppermint candies on top and press lightly. Let stand until completely hardened and break into pieces. Store in an airtight container.

For other variations, Dark Chocolate Morsels can be substituted in place of Milk Chocolate Morsels. Also, the peppermint candies can be placed on top of the first layer of melted chocolate and cooled. Then, the second layer of chocolate can be poured on top of that.

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— Jessica Stearns, Poe Road



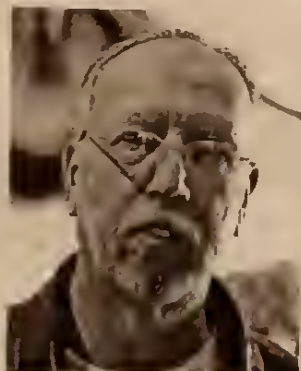
"I really love having the hospital on Witherspoon Street. We seem to be using it frequently between emergency room visits and I have been in there this year. It is wonderful having the convenience of it and the care is excellent. I am going to miss it very much when it leaves."

— Kathy Sharpe, Bouvant Drive



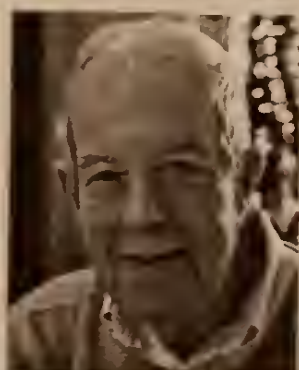
"I understand why they need to grow and move to Plainsboro but my concern is that there is a population within the core of Princeton who would desperately need the hospital to be there. I'm concerned they will not have a medical facility of that caliber that they need and I don't know how they will get to Plainsboro."

— Carrie Strasburger, Lafayette Road



"I think it is terrific. They need the room for the facility to grow and it's within the bounds of the community. I think it will work out for everybody."

— Patrick Lyons, Westcott Road



"I think that it is too far away. I guess they can't find any land that is closer. They can't move down towards Trenton because they will start bumping into the hospitals there so I guess they didn't have much choice."

— J.B. Smith, Nassau Street

School Bands to Perform In Hurricane Fund-Raiser

Five bands from Princeton Day School, Princeton High School, Montgomery High School, and The George School will donate their time and talent to a "Battle of the Bands" hurricane relief concert this Saturday, December 10 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center.

Admission will be \$10, with all proceeds going to the Princeton for New Orleans Fund, earmarked for New Orleans flood victims.

The concert is sponsored by the Arts Council of Princeton, with financial support from Palmer Square Management.

The bands scheduled to participate are The Pidgeons from Princeton Day School (Alec Gabin, Conor Meara, Jacob Waters, and P.J. MacKinney), Opposing Perfection from Princeton High School (Dmitri Nessas, Stephen Greenberg, Jesse Maynard, and Marshall Kavanaugh), November Conflict from Princeton High School (Matt Chapin, Flo Arnaux, Brendan Dean, and Rohit Gwande), Daisy Haze from Montgomery High School (Brett Pogleise, Mike LoCoco, Chris Clark, and Kenny Liort), and The Sauce from The George School (Chris McFarland, Jim Togweller, Lucas Bognar, and Jack Corazzo).

"The cool part about this concert is that we are able to network with other schools," said Mendy Fisch, president of the Community Council at Princeton Day School. "We can bring kids together from around the area to raise money for a good cause."

The PDS Council began planning the event in August, but found the legalities of getting the schools together daunting. Because many schools were involved, no one school was able to insure the event. The Arts Council came to the rescue, signing the contracts for the venue and the insurance. Palmer Square Management picked up the insurance premium.

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Thanksgiving Generosity Earns Praise From Grateful Community Recipients

To the Editor:

On behalf of the board of trustees of The Princeton Hub, I would like to thank The Princeton Elks for their generous donation to our Thanksgiving meal for our participants. The Hub is a Saturday evening gathering place for adults with developmental and/or mental health challenges, and the Elks support us in many ways.

We are grateful to the Robotti family in particular and other participating Elks for cooking and delivering the lovely turkey and dressing, the center piece of our special feast this past Saturday. Their humanitarian service in the Princeton area is to be commended. In this season of giving, it seems only right to recognize an organization that gives all year.

ANNE WOOLLEY
Community Liaison
The Princeton Hub

To the Editor:

This is to acknowledge the fine work of the Princeton Borough Police. The police are always the first to respond whenever 911 is called. At Elm Court, subsidized housing for seniors and the disabled, a fact of life is that we have many emergency situations. The Borough Police and the Princeton Rescue Squad come and handle each crisis with expertise, professionalism, and caring. We are fortunate to have such dedicated men and women in our community.

But at Elm Court, our residents see another side of the Princeton Borough Police. For the past two years, the police have volunteered to serve Thanksgiving dinner to about 30 residents who celebrate the holiday with a delicious, traditional turkey dinner eaten together as a family. This year when the eight police officers showed up, the entire group broke into spontaneous applause. Everyone is so delighted to be served by Princeton's "finest."

I want to personally thank Detective Carol Raymond for her work in making this Thanksgiving tradition a reality. I would also like to thank Patrolman Sean Cahill, Patrolman John Furryk, Patrolman Luis Navas, Patrolman Chris Tash, and Sergeant Sharon Papp for all their efforts. While at Elm Court the turkey and all the trimmings are really great, it is you who make Thanksgiving at Elm Court so very memorable.

RHONA W. PORTER, M.S.W.
Social Worker, Elm Court

University's Contributions to Borough Less Than One Percent of Its Budget

To the Editor:

A recent letter by Pam Hersh, Princeton University Director for Community and State Affairs, regarding the University's financial contributions to the Borough (Town Topics, October 19) exults that the support, \$1.5 million, accounts for more than 17 percent of the Borough's municipal revenue. The depiction of the University as a generous benefactor is compelling when compared with the magnitude of the Borough's budget. This conclusion, however, is less tenable when viewed through the prism of the University's balance sheet.

The operating budget of the University is roughly \$900 million (nearly 50 percent of which is funded by the endowment). The University values its property in excess of \$1.6 billion. The endowment, some of which is restricted, exceeds \$11 billion and earned \$1.3 billion (\$3.5 million per day) in 2004, tax-free. As such, the annual allowance to the Borough represents (1) one-sixth of one percent of the University's operating budget, (2) less than 22 percent of its municipal obligation without any tax-exemption assuming 50 percent of the property is in the Borough, and (3) less than one-half of one day's earnings from the endowment.

The reluctance of the University to make a substantial and long-term commitment to the community is discouraging given its ample resources, current demand for Borough services, and ambitious plans for growth which will necessarily impose further burdens on the services and quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods (e.g., the Engineering Quadrangle proposal). Moreover, many of the University's peer group (e.g., MIT, Harvard, and Yale) have negotiated Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax agreements with their local governments that are both long-term and escalate over the life of the agreement. (Yale's payments are linked to the number of students and employees.)

On the other hand, many residents understand and respect the University's reticence to donate money without restriction to a governmental body that has been unable and/or unwilling to address aggressively the fact that its spending has been at odds with its revenues for many years. There exist two potential compromises that may address this concern: a limit on municipal tax increases to be less than some multiple of inflation, and a dedication of University funds to specific services (e.g., fire protection, emergency management, affordable housing) that benefit all of the Borough's stakeholders.

Councilman Martindell's recommendation for a non-partisan, institutional body to represent the Borough's interests in negotiations with the University is a desirable alternative to the privileged, narrowly focused interaction currently in favor. A transparent, comprehensive, and inclusive dialogue would serve to advance both parties' long-term interests in the economic health and vitality of the community. And it may provide a useful paradigm for solving other complex municipal problems — e.g., the impending move of the hospital and the development of the existing site — that overwhelm the limited resources of the Borough.

MARK G. ALEXANDRIDIS
Princeton Avenue

Defeated Candidate Sees Appointment Of Councilman as "Comedy of Errors"

To the Editor:

The comedy of errors surrounding the replacement of Mildred Trotman on Borough Council shows why it is better to let voters, rather than party officials, choose their representatives. The appointment process to fill the vacant seat also proves my campaign claim that the Borough Council is a private club that plays by its own rules.

Instead of seeking guidance from the voters, the Princeton Borough Democratic Organization sought a candidate from Princeton Future, another private club masquerading as a public body.

In the event, the "highly recommended" choice was ineligible to serve, just like a recent Republican candidate for the Council. Often, partisan party officials can flout or bend legal requirements, counting on their judicial brethren to re-write the rules, like stopping the vote count in Florida in 2000 or allowing the replacement of a New Jersey Senate candidate after the deadline in 2002.

This year, we have the preposterous claim by the Borough attorney — whose barrage of misinformation three years ago was largely responsible for the taxpayers having to subsidize the luxury downtown development — that the statutory one continuous year residency requirement is "esoteric." Councilman Goldfarb, who has been a Council member for 15 years, called it "ill-conceived."

Without this rule, there would be nothing to prevent the filling of vacancies with party hacks from other towns or other states who could move into the Borough the day before their appointment. This is the way government officials were chosen in Russia under the Communists.

More troubling is the fact that neither the Borough attorney, nor anyone on the Council or in the party leadership seemed to know the statutory qualifications for holding public office. In democracies, checking the qualifications of candidates is the first order of business, not the last.

Borough voters can take heart that next November four of the seven members of the governing body, a majority, will be on the ballot. I hope there will be four qualified candidates to stand against their incompetence and arrogance.

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"Shop Smart, Shop Princeton" Campaign Benefits Schools, Education Foundation

To the Editor:

The Princeton Education Foundation wishes to invite all local merchants to participate in the second annual "Shop Smart, Shop Princeton" campaign. Shop Smart, which began on November 25 and continues throughout the holiday shopping season, encourages townspeople to support local merchants while supporting our Princeton Regional Public Schools.

It's simple for shoppers and merchants. Shoppers need only show their Shop Smart cards, distributed through the schools, Princeton Public Library, and several local merchants, to participating merchants. The participating stores have agreed to make a charitable contribution of 10 percent of the price of the purchase, or an in-kind contribution to the Princeton Education Foundation.

The proceeds from this year's and last year's Shop Smart purchases have been designated by the merchants for science equipment.

This years merchants include Au Courant Opticians, The Bent Spoon, Go for Baroque, Cox's Market and Catering, Craft Cleaners, Cranbury Station Gallery, Forest Jewelers, Giselle Dancewear, Hinkson's The Office Store, Hult's Shoes, Ici Bebe, Ici Fashion for Children, Ici Monde, Image Photo, Jazams, Kitchen Kapers, Landau's, Learning Express, J. McLaughlin, Mehek Restaurant, Micawber Books, Nassau Interiors, Olive's, The Papery, Pryde Brown Photographs, Ralph Lauren, Red Green Blue, Richard's Men's and Women's Fine Footwear, Ricky's Candy, Cones and Chaos, The Soup Man, Subway, Thomas Sweet Chocolate, Thomas Sweet Ice Cream, Triangle Repro, Tuscan Hills, White Lotus Home, and Zorba's Brother Restaurant.

The Princeton Education Foundation is grateful to the community for its continued support for its efforts in supporting programming in the Princeton Regional School District.

ALISON FOX
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Womanspace Candle Lighting Event Shines Light on Domestic Violence

To the Editor:

This holiday season will be a happy, peaceful time for most of us. But behind closed doors in some homes, violence will tear families apart. Domestic violence is a serious problem that impacts individuals and the wider community. In Mercer County, more than 3,500 incidents were reported in 2004.

To bring attention to domestic abuse and offer hope to those in violent homes, Womanspace, Mercer County, began Communities of Light in 2002. This community-wide candle lighting event is a powerful symbol of neighbors joining together to bring this often hidden problem to light. It is a way to declare "not in my backyard."

Communities of Light 2005 will take place on Sunday, December 18 in five central New Jersey counties — Mercer, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Ocean, and Somerset.

We invite fellow residents of Mercer County to join us in helping shed light on the problem of domestic violence. Please purchase one or more luminary kits and light your walkway or driveway on Sunday, December 18.

Luminary kits cost \$10 and contain materials to light 100 linear feet. Kits will be available in neighborhoods, retail locations, and online at www.womanspace.org. Proceeds will benefit Womanspace and similar organizations that provide services to individuals and families affected by domestic violence.

The light from 100,000 candles will make a profound statement during this holiday season that all families deserve to live in peace.

PETER H. NALEN
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BOOKS



Elizabeth Buttenheim

Windrows Resident Reading From New Book of Stories

Daffodils at High Meadows, a collection of short stories by Elizabeth Buttenheim, has recently been published. Mrs. Buttenheim and her husband, Edgar, have lived at Princeton Windrows for five years, and most of the stories in the book are about residents of a retirement community.

"The residents at Windrows have been the inspiration for these stories," she said.

Subjects of other stories in the collection include a young lieutenant who resolves his fears on the eve of his deployment overseas in World War II; a divorcee who learns her former husband has changed in the years they have been apart; and a mother who is slow to recognize her children's selfishness.

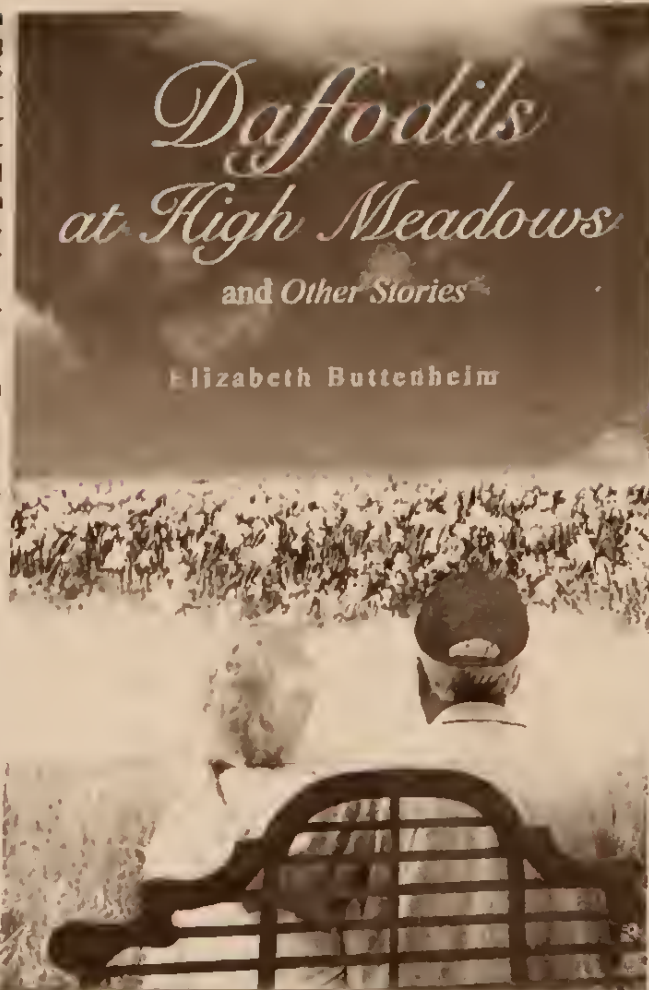
Princeton Windrows is holding a "Meet the Author" event on Thursday, December 15 at 2 p.m. when Mrs. Buttenheim will read one of her stories. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a place, call (800) 708-7007. To get to Windrows, take the Forrestal Village exit, College Road West, off Route 1.

Reading by Paul Muldoon At Montgomery Center

Pulitzer Prize winning poet Paul Muldoon will read in the Ballantine Library at the Montgomery Center for the Arts in the 1860 House at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15. There is no charge for the lectures, only a \$5 suggested donation.

Mr. Muldoon has been described by *The Times Literary Supplement* as "the most significant English-language poet born since the second World War."

Born in 1951 in County Armagh, Northern Ireland, and educated at the Queen's University of Belfast, Mr. Muldoon has lived in the United States since 1987. Now



A BOOK OF STORIES: Most of the stories in Princeton Windrows resident Elizabeth Buttenheim's collection "*Daffodils at High Meadows*" are about residents of a retirement community. Windrows is holding a "Meet the Author" event on Thursday, December 15 at 2 p.m. when Mrs. Buttenheim will read one of her stories.

Howard G. B. Clark '21 Professor in the Humanities at Princeton University, he was Professor of Poetry at the University of Oxford between 1999 and 2004. His main collections of poetry are *New Weather* (1973), *Mules* (1977), *Why Brownlee Left* (1980), *Quoof* (1983), *Meeting The British* (1987), *Modoc: A Mystery* (1990), *The Annals of Chile* (1994), *Hay* (1998), *Poems 1968-1998* (2001) and *Moy Sand and Gravel* (2002), for which he won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Mr. Muldoon was given an American Academy of Arts and Letters award in literature for 1996. Other recent awards are the 1994 T. S. Eliot Prize, the 1997 Irish Times Poetry Prize, the 2003 Griffin International Prize for Excellence in Poetry, the 2004 American Ireland Fund Literary Award, and the 2004 Shakespeare Prize. Mr. Muldoon is also an accomplished musician and lyricist. He is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers from whom he received an award in 2003 for his lyrics for the opera *Vera of Las Vegas*. The opera was co-written with composer Daron Hagen. Mr. Muldoon also plays guitar, percussion, and writes lyrics for the rock and roll band Rackett, which is currently working on its first CD, *Standing Room Only*. Along with Warren Zevon, Mr. Muldoon co-wrote the title song to Mr. Zevon's 2002 album, *My Ride's Here*.

The Arts Center is located in a two-story renovated farmhouse dating to 1860 and is adjacent to both Green Acres and the Millstone River. The Center is located on Montgomery Road, 1 mile north of the intersection of Routes 206 and 518.

"Robeson Readers" Debuts At Princeton Public Library

Named in honor of Princeton native Paul Robeson, a new short story discussion group for children ages 9 to 12 and adults will debut at the Princeton Public Library on Monday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Robeson Readers will read and discuss stories from around the world at hour-long sessions in the library's second floor Conference Room on four dates in December and January.

Youth Services Librarian Pamela Groves will lead the readings and discussions, which are designed to give young people and adults an opportunity to share their

thoughts, ideas, and concerns about issues raised in the stories.

Groves noted that Robeson, who found acclaim as an athlete, actor, and vocalist, was a deeply political man who believed in social justice. She said many of the issues about which Robeson was passionate will be raised in the stories and discussions.

"When used correctly and carefully, literature can heal, promote understanding, provide context, and facilitate conversation," she said. "Robeson Readers will attempt to do this."

Registration is required. Individuals and family members or friends are invited to register by calling (609) 924-9529, ext. 240 or by visiting the Youth Services Desk on the third floor of the library.

In addition to the first session on December 12, Robeson Readers will meet December 19, January 9 and January 23, all at 4:30 p.m. The sessions begin at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room.

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Rider Hosts Reading By Chang-rae Lee

Chang-rae Lee, an American novelist of South Korean descent whose books explore the themes of identity, belonging, and assimilation, will read from his work on December 9 as part of the Rider University Educational Opportunity Program's Distinguished Writer Series. The reading will take place at 7 p.m. in the Bart Luedeke Center Theater.

A book signing will follow the program, which is free and open to the public. Prior to his talk, Mr. Lee will meet with freshmen from Rider's EOP in an afternoon symposium during which five students will present critiques of his work. Rider will publish the essays in a literary chapbook next spring.

Mr. Lee's books are *Native Speaker* (1995), which won the PEN/Hemingway award and the American Book Award; *A Gesture Life* (1999), which earned him a place on *The New Yorker's* list of the 20 best writers under 40; and *Aloft* (2004), which was among *The New York Times' Notable Books of the Year*. He currently teaches writing at Princeton University.

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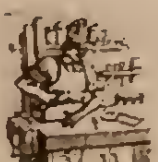
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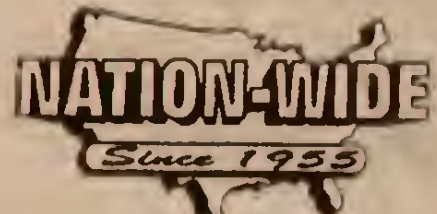
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Gennady Spirin's Book Art On Display at Bordentown

The Artful Deposit Gallery in Bordentown, in collaboration with Tatiana Popova, is currently presenting an exhibit of originals from 12 of Gennady Spirin's award-winning illustrated books for children. Also on display will be limited edition prints and books. The show will run until January 3.

Mr. Spirin will be present to meet with readers, art lovers, and book collectors on December 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the gallery, which is located at 201 Farnsworth Avenue in Bordentown.

A Princeton resident who came here from Moscow, Mr. Spirin has created more than 40 illustrated books, five of which have been awarded the Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators in New York City. Four of his books have received "The Best Illustrated Book of the Year" award from the New York Times, which recently reviewed his current book, *A—Apple Pie*, observing that he "draws like a whiz" and "understands Kate Greenaway and children."

Paul Barker, creative director of Hallmark Cards, has called him "the best artist in the world today working in watercolor." Original paintings from his storybooks are in the permanent collection of Princeton University.

For more information, call Tatiana Popova at (609) 298-6970.

CAPPS Invites Work From Local Artists

The Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPPS) is inviting those interested to submit artwork for the "Salon de Hightstown-East Windsor", a community

art exhibit to be held on Friday, February 3, 2006.

This exhibition is open to everyone and all work will be accepted. Artists may submit paintings, sculpture, photography, and videos. Work must be installed by the artists themselves. There will be an opening reception on February 3, 2006. Anyone is welcome to attend this event. Come celebrate the creativity and diversity of expression.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to bring together the many talents within the community," said Robert Rund, executive director of CAPPS. "Too often in these times, we are not aware who our neighbors are, and we miss out on this aspect of 'community.' We hope that whether or not someone is submitting work for this exhibit, that people will come out to share in celebrating the work of our local artists, be they professional or amateur."

Those who are interested in participating in this exhibition should send a letter of interest, or e-mail with contact information to the Gallery Curator. We will make an effort to show at least one piece by everyone who responds. We do reserve the right to reject work for any reason. We will send further information by mail and e-mail to all participants after January 1, 2006. All contact information must be received before that date. Information should be sent to Kym Kulp, Mariboe Gallery Curator, Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School, South Main Street, Hightstown, N.J. 08520, or to kkulp@peddie.org. Please write "Salon de Hightstown" in the subject line of any e-mails. For more information on this or other CAPPS programs, call (609) 490-7550, email capps@peddie.org, or visit the website, www.peddie.org/capps.

Small World Presents Art, Music by Harford

Chris Harford, who celebrated his 25th reunion at Princeton High School Thanksgiving weekend, will be exhibiting his paintings at Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street in Princeton from December 7 through January 3.

A free night of music featuring Chris Harford and the Band of Changes will be held



THE ESSENCE OF ST. NICK: The Princeton artist Gennady Spirin created this version of Santa Claus. Original illustrations from 12 of Mr. Spirin's award-winning books for children will be on display, along with limited edition prints and books, until January 3 at the Artful Deposit Gallery, 201 Farnsworth Avenue, in Bordentown.

at the cafe from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on December 17. Six, is slated for release early next year on Soul Selects/

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MAKING ART AND PEACE FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Caitlin and Landon Bickle of New Hope helped kick off the holiday season at the James. A. Michener Art Museum by making peace cranes at the Children's Gallery opening of "Gift of Giving IV." Art by area students will be on display through December 15.

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The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown kicked off the holiday season with a month-long exhibition, "The Gift of Giving IV," in the museum's Children's Gallery featuring works by area students. At the close of the exhibition on December 15, all the artwork will be gift-wrapped by students and Museum volunteers and delivered to Trinity Episcopal Church, to be distributed to area residents affected by HIV/AIDS.

"December is national AIDS awareness month, and the Children's Gallery is providing children with a imaginative way to respond," said Sue Sherman, Children's Gallery Coordinator. "The Gift of Giving IV" enables student artists to create unique and personal works of art that become heartfelt gifts, while the community acknowledges their efforts.

At this year's opening reception volunteers and the education staff at the museum showed the crowds the art of creating peace cranes, an international symbol of peace, which emerged from the story of Hiroshima victim, Sadako Sasaki. Michener Museum volunteers and staff hung the peace cranes on branches, that are part of the museum's holiday décor in the lobby. The Michener Museum is encouraging visitors to come in and make and hang peace cranes throughout the holiday season.

The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, and at 500 Union

Square Drive in New Hope. Doylestown gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m.. Galleries are closed Monday. Admission: members and children under six free; general admission \$6.50, student (with current ID) \$1, senior citizens age 60 and older \$6. More information is available at (215) 340-9800 or www.michenerartmuseum.org.

Hans Christian Andersen Celebrated at Cotsen

As part of the Cotsen Children's Library's celebration of the bicentennial of Hans Christian Andersen's birth, a number of programs are being offered throughout the month of December.

Cotsen's exhibit, "Wonderful Stories for Pictures: Hans Christian Andersen and his Illustrators" will be on view through March 26 in the Milberg Gallery of the Firestone Library on the Princeton University Campus.

Throughout his life, Hans Christian Andersen used paper both as a storytelling tool and as a visual cataloging of his impressions and interests. He was known and admired for his creations, which often were made while others watched and while he told one of his stories. In his paper-cuttings many of the characters that people his stories appear — dancers, elves, princesses, mermaids, witches, and castles. Andersen created scissor cuts all his life, but of the thousands of pieces, less than 300 have survived. Several rare examples are housed in the Cotsen collection.

On December 17 from 10

a.m. to noon, there will be a program about Andersen as a scrapbook artist making "picture books" for friends. Several examples of Andersen's scrapbooking talents survive today in collections and museums around the world. Andersen created these picture books, much as he created his paper cuttings, for the entertainment of the children of relatives and friends. He did two picture books for Rigmor Stampe, his goddaughter and the grandchild of his close friend Jonna Stampe. The Cotsen collection contains one of these books, as well as one inspired by Andersen and produced by Andersen's nephew. These books are full of paper-cuttings, pictures, poems, drawings, and cut outs of all kinds. Participants will look at some examples of Andersen's work, hear about the newly revived art of scrapbooking, and work with a scrapbook artist to create their own "picture books." Children should bring several photos or poems or other paper memorabilia to use as they create their scrapbook pages. Cotsen will supply other materials.

The program is for children ages 7 to 9, and registration is required. "Paper and Stull," a Young Artisan's holiday gift craft

workshop, will be the subject of a program from 1 to 3 p.m. on December 18. Cotsen Young Artisans and friends will demonstrate how to make holiday gifts from paper, wax, felt, and stuff. Participants will learn how to make decorated candles, paper-bead necklaces, felt ornaments, and other seasonal gifts. In honor of Andersen's playful use of paper, they will also prepare special origami gift boxes to house their new creations. Again, the program is for children ages 7 to 9, and registration is required.

The Cotsen Children's Library is located on the first floor of the Firestone Library on the Princeton University Campus. For additional information on Cotsen programs and exhibit, call (609) 258-2697 or email calperst@princeton.edu.

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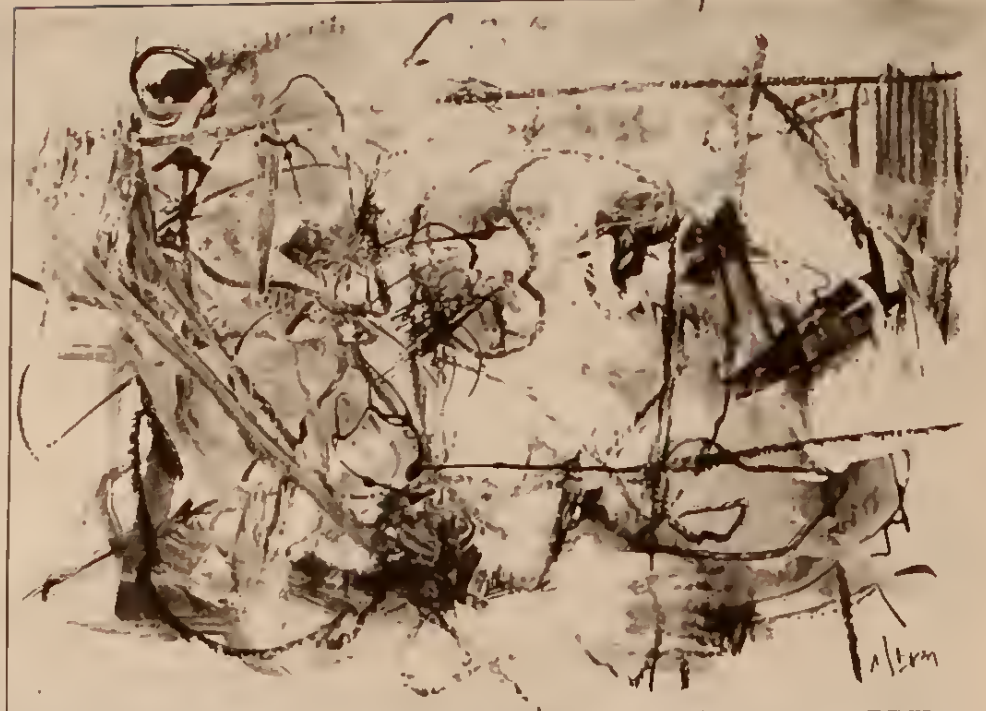
The group includes equine artist Chris Twomey of Lambertville who works in pastel, colored pencil, and graphite; East Amwell resident Kim Glock, who creates wheel-thrown stoneware pottery; basket weaver Lynn Ebeling, a longtime Hopewell resident; and Titusville resident Colleen Conrad, a painter whose work can also be seen at the Cranbury Station Art Gallery in Princeton.

Other exhibitors are Valerie Newcamp, also a lifelong Hopewell resident, who will exhibit handmade, custom-designed mosaic tables and wall hangings; Pennington resident Amy Haftkowitz, who designs her jewelry around the lamp-worked glass beads that she creates individually by hand; painter Jody Furch, a Hopewell resident who paints familiar scenes of the area; New Hope quilter Ann Pietropinto, who likes to work with fabrics from the 18th and 19th century; and Gerry Brenner, a retired Hunterdon Central High School shop teacher who creates turned wooden bowls and windsor-style chairs.

For further information, contact Colleen Conrad at (609) 818-9275 or visit www.edgeofthewoodsstudio.com.

Hopewell's Circa Planning Holiday Show and Sale

Circa, a vintage clothing store located in the Broad Street Antiques Center in



LEAP OF FAITH: This charcoal, oil, and ink on paper by Malcolm Bray will be on display along with other recent paintings and works in paper at his Lambertville studio on December 11, with a reception open to the public from 12 to 6 p.m. The exhibit is being presented in conjunction with Morpeth Gallery. Regular studio hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The studio is located on the second floor at 202 North Union Street in Lambertville.

Hopewell, will be having its annual Holiday Show and Sale on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 at the Hopewell Train Station. The hours each day are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will feature "perfect little black dresses," hand-beaded sweaters, fur coats and jackets (real and faux), leather and beaded handbags, shoes, and a wide variety of costume jewelry.

Circa's store at the Broad Street Antiques Center, 35 West Broad Street in Hopewell, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The selection features one-of-a-kind vintage clothing, jewelry and accessories dating from the Victorian era to the 1980s. Classic fashion from Hattie Carnegie, Calvin Klein, and other well-known designers are available along with custom made vintage pieces. Circa's owner, Sharon Kooney, an experienced buyer, merchandiser and stylist in both fashion and interior design, has also been a long-time collector of vintage clothing. In addition to clothing and accessories, Circa also carries vintage quilts and linens.

of the artist discussing his photography session with John and Yoko will also be available. The video was produced by New Jersey Network in 1988 with Scott Moniac narrating.

A 1967 Rutgers graduate, Tannenbaum was covering the entertainment beat for the Soho Weekly News when he was among the journalists who got the nod to photograph John and Yoko at the Dakota. There were several photo sessions, one in Central Park and another series in a Manhattan gallery the couple had transformed into a stark-white film studio.

Included in this show are the original black and white photographs (a series of 10) and a more recent series of digitally enhanced colored images. The Bock Gallery in Hollywood, Florida will also display some of Tannenbaum's images. His portfolio may be seen on the Gallery web-site: www.wmgallery.com

The gallery, at 6 Olden Lane, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours are by appointment only. To arrange a time, call (609) 921-1142 or e-mail: wmgallery@aol.com.

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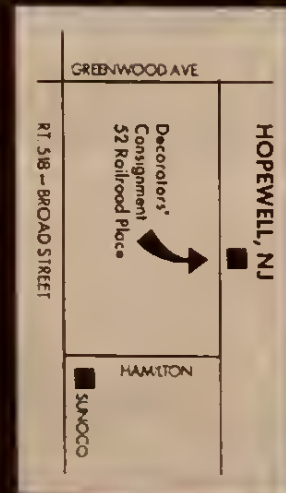
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A.R.T. Space Gallery of Palmer Square is currently exhibiting "Small Works," a show featuring small paintings and works on paper by the artists of Artistic Realization Technologies (A.R.T.). Located at 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, the gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. "Small Works" will be open through December.

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located at the Princeton Shopping Center, is featuring "From Chaos to Hope," an exhibition of photographs taken by eight local residents with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) at a volunteer camp in Gulfport, Miss. The exhibit is on display in the Reading Room. The annual "Sauce for the Goose" holiday sale will be on through December 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-8777.

The Coryell Gallery at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is showing oil paintings by Albert L. Bross, Jr., and watercolors and acrylics by Vincent Ceglia for the annual Holiday Exhibition, which will run through January 16, 2006. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For further information, call Janet M. Hunt, director, at (609) 397-0804.

The Cotsen Children's Library at Princeton University is celebrating the bicentenary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth with the exhibition, "Wonderful Stories for Pictures: Hans Christian Andersen and His Illustrations," on view through March 26, 2006. For more information, call (609) 258-1148, or email ejohnson@princeton.edu.

The Gallery at Chapin is hosting an exhibit of works by Whitney Cookman in an exhibit titled, "Light, Canvas, and Wood, Recent Work," through December 15. The gallery is located at 4101 Princeton Pike. To view the exhibit by appointment, call (609) 924-7206.

The Gallery at the Jewish Center will be showing paintings by Philadelphia painter Alia Podolsky through January 8, 2006. All paintings in the exhibit are for sale, with 20 percent of the purchase going to the Jewish Center as a donation. The Center is located at 435 Nassau Street, and gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-0100.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is exhibiting, "The Human Face," photographs by artists Helen Stummer, Diane Levell, and the late Lou Draper. The exhibit will be on display through December 21. Gallery hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. For further information, call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3588.

Grounds for Sculpture is currently displaying three exhibits: "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Deities," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. The exhibits will be on view through April 30, 2006. **Toad Hall Shop and Gallery**, at Grounds, is currently exhibiting "Vessels," a show featuring metal sculptures by Rory Mahon and Catherine Perry, through December 31. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsfor-sculpture.org.

The Harrison Street Gallery will show, "Off the Wall: An Evolving Exhibition," through January 8, 2006. The gallery is located at 108 Harrison Street, Frenchtown. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 996-0062.

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Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. A gallery talk by exhibition curator Kristen Turner will be held on Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Hopewell Train Station at 1 Railroad Place in Hopewell is hosting a group exhibit of area artisans in the Freight Shed on December 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The group includes an

equine artist, potter, basket weaver, watercolorist, mosaic designer, glass bead maker, acrylic painter, quilter, and woodworker.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is currently displaying three exhibits: "Liminal States," "High Caliber: Guns in Contemporary Art," and "Rags to Riches." Located in Clinton, the gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is featuring "Romare Bearden: Enchanter in Time" through February 5, 2006. "New Orleans: A Beloved City," an exhibition of photographs taken in the mid-1980s by Michael A. Smith, is on view in the Betz Gallery through February 19, 2006. As part of its ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program, the Michener is also exhibiting "In the Beginning," an installation of sculpture by Kevin Forest that will be on view through February 26. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. **The New Hope Michener** is currently exhibiting "Objects of Desire: Treasures From Private Collections," on view through January 15, 2006. The

museum is located at 500 Union Square Drive. For more information about either exhibit, call (215) 340-9800, or visit www.michenerart-museum.org.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum's feature exhibition, "Breaking the Mold: Sculpture in Paris from Daumier to Rodin," will be on view through March 12, 2006, in the Vorhees Special Exhibition Galleries. The museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street, on the College Avenue Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. on the weekends. The museum is open free to the public on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerli.museum.rutgers.edu.

Morpeth Gallery is exhibiting the work of Natalie Ferracci in conjunction with a group exhibition of Morpeth Gallery artists during the month of December. The gallery is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30

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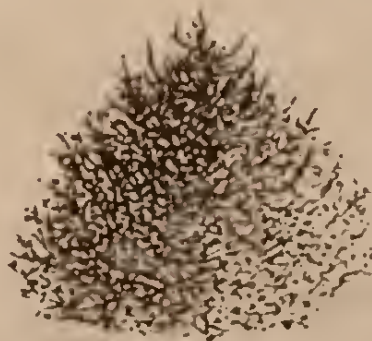
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The New Jersey State Museum is holding the exhibit, "Hatching the Past: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies" through December 31. This hands-on exhibition offers an array of authentic dinosaur

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The Present Day Club is exhibiting artwork by Joseph Gyurcsak, through January 1, 2006. The gallery is located at 72 Stockton Street, and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-4846.

The Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Gallery is currently displaying "Inlet," works by artist Elaine Chong, on view through December 9. The gallery is located in Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place, at the Center of Continuing Education. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 497-7990.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting an intimate, single-monitor installation by the Belgian filmmaker Chantal Akerman through February 26, 2006, in addition to the primary exhibit, "The Legacy of Homer," which will run through January 15. Open to the public without charge Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., the museum is located in the center of the Princeton University campus, next to Prospect House and Gardens. For further information, call (609) 258-3788 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Princeton University, Mudd Library, is currently exhibiting, "1945: A World United and Divided," which highlights the epochal year that marked the end of World War II. The exhibit, which runs through January 31, 2006, includes documents, letters, diaries, and photographs drawn from Mudd

Library's and Princeton University's archives. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The exhibit is also open Wednesdays until 8 p.m. Mudd Library is located at 65 Olden St., on Princeton University's campus. For more information, call (609) 258-6345.

Small World Coffee will be exhibiting the paintings of alternative folk rocker and Princeton High School graduate Chris Harford from December 7 through January 3. A free night of music featuring Chris Harford and the Band of Changes will take place at the cafe from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on December 17.

The Suzanne Patterson Resource Center and the Williams Gallery of Fine Art are holding a joint exhibition at the Resource Center celebrating Princeton art and artists titled, "In and Around Princeton." From now through December 9, artists from Japan, the Netherlands, as well as the U.S.A., will also be exhibiting work. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of

artwork will be donated to the Center, which is located at 45 Stockton Street, behind Borough Hall. Hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the exhibit will be closed November 24 and 25. For more information, call (609) 921-1142.

The Trenton City Museum, in collaboration with McCarter Theatre, is currently exhibiting, "Preserving Our Past: An Inspiring Exhibit Honoring Those Who Chronicle Our Heritage," on display through January 22, 2006. The exhibit, which is tied to McCarter's production of *Gem of the Ocean*, features the Arts Council of Princeton's quilt, a photographic tribute to the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood. Also on display from now through January 8, 2006: "Rock, Paper: The Extraordinary Work of Petro Hul and Sarah Stengle." Located in the Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park in Trenton, the museum's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

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Kate Bush and Paul McCartney: Chaos and Creation in Two British Backyards

This review was supposed to have begun calmly and sensibly with some appreciative words about two English singer-songwriters who have both brought forth extraordinary new albums.

That was before I settled down on the couch, put on some headphones, and listened to the second disc, "A Sky of Honey," in Kate Bush's beautifully packaged new CD, *Aerial*. I had been so busy exploring and enjoying the first disc, "A Sea of Honey," I hadn't really had time to get into the other one, or to have it get into me. The element of music Kate Bush and her brilliant supporting musicians are creating reminds you, in case you could ever forget it, that she is not just a beautiful woman, a mother now, and a musical force to be reckoned with: she is also a creature. Paul McCartney is a gifted human being, but Kate is a creature. In other words, she does things witches, elves, alien beings, and ventriloquists can only envy: she goes from singing the sound of the earth to singing the sound of the sky with no regard for little human trivialities like octaves, and before you can catch your breath she'll be babbling like a brook, laughing along with a blackbird, and dancing barefoot on the moon. She's a James M. Barrie fantasy come wildly to life as a winged femme fatale: she's erotic, tender, perverse, maternal, and impossible. In another life, she'd have been Isadora Duncan or Sarah Bernhardt or headlining at the Folies Bergère like Loie Fuller, the skirt-dancer (she may pull that off yet, who knows?)

Here's how she came into my life. Once upon a time a long time ago my four-year-old son was listening to Pat Benatar in the living room. I was in the kitchen washing dishes when the lyrics of the song made me turn off the tap and listen. I couldn't believe my ears. The persona of the song Benatar was singing was the ghost of Cathy in *Wuthering Heights*, tapping on Heathcliff's window and telling him to let her in. This was Pat Benatar? An American girl with a page boy wrote this song? No way. Yet she was singing it as if she'd written it and lived it. The combination of the words with her voice and the soaring, chilling music, especially when she sang "Heathcliff, it's me, Cathy come home, let me in your window" sent me into the living room to look for the name of the composer, which was not Pat Benatar. It was K. Bush. At that point, I didn't know if it was a her or a him, though I doubted there was any man in the universe, except maybe Shakespeare, who could have written that song. The next day I went down to the Record Exchange, where I found out that K. Bush was Kate Bush. I bought an album called *Lionheart*, took it home, my wife and I listened to it (the title song is a moving ode to England and Shakespeare and the Thames, "that old river poet that never ever ends"). We soon realized that we'd discovered a genius.

The beauty of it is that Kate's first and most famous persona is still with her on

both discs of *Aerial*. If there's anyone you could compare her to when she's making beautiful, sensual music literally out of singing mere numbers (the lyrics read "3.141592 and on and on"), it's the ghost of Cathy Earnshaw tapping at Heathcliff's window. She makes love to those numbers in a song called π about an obsessive mathematician who "does love his numbers." If you doubt that there's a witch at work here, check out "How to be Invisible" ("Eye of Braille, Hem of anorak, Stem of wallflower, Hair of doormat"), which rocks like middle-period Fleetwood Mac in heaven. And the way she twists and turns and teases the words in "A Coral Room" as "the spider of time is climbing/Over the ruins." What can you do but be thankful that Cathy is back tapping at our windows again after 12 long years of silence?



Capturing the Moment

Music has the power to discover a time and a place in such a way that you never forget where you were and what you were doing when you first heard it. I'll always remember where I was when I first "got" Billie Holiday after years of wondering what people saw in her. The first time I heard Diana Ross and the Supremes singing "Where Did Our Love Go," I was in a car driving through darkest Brooklyn. There was no period of adjustment required. It was instant recognition of something unique and wonderful. The first time I heard Paul McCartney's song "Yesterday" I was watching the Beatles perform it on live television in a suburb of London. The older English couple I was visiting had been making fun of the Beatles, but not after they heard "Yesterday."

Paul McCartney's songs have illuminated more than a few other moments for me. I first heard "Penny Lane" driving down Forest Avenue in Ann Arbor and "Hey Jude" driving down Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge. I had to pull over both times and listen, shaking my head, thinking, "They've done it again, he's done it again."

I felt the same way driving home from Doylestown listening to Sir Paul's new CD, *Chaos and Creation in the Backyard*. His output since the break-up of the Beatles has been all over the place. While he's continued to write memorable songs like "Maybe I'm Amazed," "Roll It to Me," and "I'm

Carrying," among many others, it's been a long time since I looked forward to buying one of his albums. Usually I would buy them used. In fact, the first album I ever bought from the travelling record show that became the Princeton Record Exchange (soon to be the subject of a Town Topics feature) was McCartney's *Red Rose Speedway*.

By the second or third track of the new record, I was smiling because Paul McCartney was clearly once again in touch with the spirit of his best work, as he was in *Bond on the Run* in 1973 and *Flaming Pie* in 1997. By the time I got to Princeton, I'd heard it all and I was a believer. What makes the new recording a triumph? For one thing, he does practically all the singing and playing himself with the help



of an imaginative new producer, Nigel Goodrich, best known for his work with Beck, Travis, and Radiohead. It's also important to keep in mind that McCartney has gone through at least two great losses in the past decade (his first wife Linda and his old friend and bandmate George Harrison) and that he's apparently found consolation and inspiration in his new wife, Heather. The emotions tied up with what he's lost and what he's found help put songs like "How Kind of You," "Too Much Rain," "At the Mercy," and "Friends to Go" over the top.

Reuniting the Beatles

For a time after the group broke up I used to reunite it by putting together Beatles albums composed of the best tracks from their solo LPs. I did a condensed version of the same thing with the new McCartney CD. You can feel the Beatles influence on *Chaos and Creation* in the opening track, "Fine Line," where the pounding piano is a subliminal if not overtly intentional echo of the piano dynamics on "Remember," one of the strongest tracks in John Lennon's first solo album. As Paul himself noted in an interview posted on a Beatles website (daytripin), in "Friends to Go" he was "playing George Harrison.... I just sat down to write and the feeling of George came over me." It's not only the feeling of George but the feeling of Paul reaching out to him and

John in music that makes "Friends to Go" probably the strongest song on the album and one of the best he's written in years. In my make-believe Beatles album, I placed it before "The Rising Sun" from George's last LP and then followed that with "Free As a Bird," the rough draft of a song of John's that the remaining three used to create a symbolic Beatles reunion in 1994. Harrison's guitar work on both songs is as passionate and perfect as anything he's ever done. I'd close out the make-believe Beatles album with "Fine Line" and "Remember."

The sound of the new recording is deep and rich. That McCartney is a brilliant singer goes without saying. He can still rock you out of your chair (though he doesn't do that on the new album) and he can still do wonderful things with a ballad. But what makes *Chaos and Creation* special is that he is not merely exercising his virtuosity: he's singing from the heart. Listen to the feeling he puts into "How Kind of You." Rarely has he allowed himself to sound so vulnerable.

In discussing the songs, Paul refers several times to Charles Dickens, mentioning him in particular in regard to "Jenny Wren," an acoustic gem that all but insists on being compared to McCartney classics like "Blackbird" and "Mother Nature's Son." According to Paul, in the Dickens novel *Our Mutual Friend* Jenny Wren is "this really cool little girl who's sort of magical, who sees the good in things." He goes on to admit that the English wren ("the littlest English bird") is one of his favorites. He mentions Dickens again when explaining the thought and language in "English Tea." It's interesting that he goes on to cite Charlie Chaplin (another British performer, who, like Dickens and the Beatles, captured America and most of the world) in regard to his song "Too Much Rain," which he says was inspired in part by Chaplin's "Smile," the theme song for *City Lights*.

"A Certain Softness," with its laid-back Bossa Nova ambience, isn't quite in the same class with the other songs, but the album picks up in a big way with "Follow Me" and "Promise to You, Girl," whose first line ("Looking through the backyard of my life") echoes the record's title. The cover photo gives you the real thing. Taken in 1962 by his brother Mike, it shows 20-year-old Paul sitting in the McCartney backyard ("Our Kid Through Mum's Net Curtains") playing his guitar. The McCartney family clothes are hung out to dry on a line in the foreground. Coincidentally, the album art for *Aerial* features a home-style picture of clothes on a line in Kate Bush's own backyard, apparently taken by either her father or her brother.

Chaos and Creation in the Backyard is available on Capitol and lists for \$18.98. Kate Bush's *Aerial* lists for \$21.98 on Columbia and is her best album since *The Hounds of Love*. Both these records should be available on CD at the Princeton Record Exchange and other area stores.

—Stuart Mitchner

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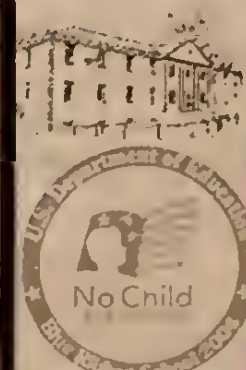
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Pawn Shop and Salvage Company Can't Save Eight Troubled Lives, In "Wonderland Salvage," Overloaded New Play at Theatre Intime

Wonderland Salvage, a new play by Princeton University junior J.D.M. Williams, portrays eight people, whose lives intersect over the course of a few days before Christmas 2001. Set in a Massachusetts pawn shop and salvage company warehouse, this somber drama focuses on a young woman named Jacks (Whitney Mosery) and her mute brother Big (Shawn Fennell), who have been abandoned by their mother and left with their tyrannical, alcoholic uncle, Ray (Doug Lavanture), who runs the salvage shop.

It's a story about the devastating psychological effects of 9/11 on this family; about an uncle's abuse of his sister's children; about Jacks' struggle to overcome the effects of this abuse and to discover her sexual identity; about Big's striving amidst squalor and mistreatment to find his voice both literally and figuratively.

It is also a love story — two love stories — about a Harvard student violinist Arjuna (Nitin Walia) and Jacks and their efforts to achieve intimacy, and about Jefferson (Rodney Deavault) and Maria (Marisol Rosa Shapiro), his pregnant 16-year-old girlfriend, and their attempt to make their relationship into a successful marriage. And *Wonderland Salvage* is also a story about discrimination and brothers, as the African-Americans Jefferson and his twin brother Troy (Casey Ford Alexander) struggle in vain to stay out of trouble with the law.

Not to neglect religion (both Western and Eastern), *Wonderland Salvage* is also heavily laden with allusions to a miraculous recent appearance of the Virgin Mary in the window of a local pet store, and, as he reminds the battered Jacks, Arjuna is a modern-day manifestation of the Indian hero of the same name from the epic Mahabharata. And for the math-science contingent, Arjuna also happens to be a mathematician, who realizes the hidden genius of Big, as the theme — and second act title — of "Red Shift" (a dramatic change in the movement of galaxies in the universe) develops towards the end of the play.

Mr. Williams, who also directed, introduces fascinating characters and relationships, compelling conflicts and enough thematic material for several plays. That's the problem. Lasting more than three hours, *Wonderland Salvage* is as overloaded with dramatic material as its set is chock-full to the ceiling with paraphernalia of the pawn shop-salvage trade. The shabby warehouse is inundated with cabinets, suitcases, TV sets, blenders, toasters, golf clubs, coffee pots, electronic equipment, appliances, tennis rackets, old tires, picture frames, and hula hoops. And the play itself suffers from an excess of issues, an overabundance of drama — descending at times to melodrama — and just too many plot lines for the audience to sustain

its interest.

Several of these characters, and their sad predicaments in the face of poverty and oppression, evoke sympathy, but after three hours and many scenes, by the time they reach the violent and dramatic denouement, the audience has reached a level of numbness and compassion-fatigue to the point where they no longer care deeply about these characters.

Ms. Mosery's appealing Jacks in her wool cap and baggy sweatshirt, trying to look as much like a boy as possible, and Mr. Fennell's tall and awkward Big, dressed throughout the play in his colorful pajamas decorated with rocket ships and planets, create a strong emotional core to the play. Ms. Mosery overcomes some diction problems early in the play to develop a thoroughly sympathetic and credible character in her protective love of her brother, her fear of her uncle, her attraction to Arjuna and her fight for survival.

Through his expressive face, gestures, and movements, including his frequent retreats to hide in the shower or on the bathroom floor, Big, despite his silence, communicates



SALVAGING LIVES: Ray (Doug Lavanture, left) offers Maria (Marisol Rosa-Shapiro) a gift from his pawn shop, as Santos (Jon Ryan, right), her father, looks on in rehearsal for Theatre Intime's "Wonderland Salvage," a new play by J.D.M. Williams, running for one more weekend at the Hamilton Murray Theater.

eloquently.

Mr. Lavanture's Ray, ironically often dressed in a bedraggled Santa costume, having just returned from his second job, establishes the threat of his presence and authoritatively communicates the ominous violence and brutality of this bitter, angry figure and the harsh world of the play. This character does suffer from a certain loss of credibility and dramatic interest, however, as the play wears on into the final act.

Mr. Deavault as Jefferson is particularly engaging as he fights against the forces of poverty, racism and the destructive influence of his undisciplined brother to establish a positive relationship with Ms. Rosa-Shapiro's affecting Maria.

Zach Berta's painstakingly detailed set, depicting the cluttered shop and warehouse with bedroom stage right and bathroom stage left, is ingeniously lit by Scott Grzenczyk to convey the ominous, shadowy tone of the play.

There is rich, creative and powerful dramatic material here, but I'd offer three suggestions for the playwright in his future endeavors with this play or other original works: 1) Find an editor who will not hesitate to cut where necessary in order to keep the play focused. And don't worry about cutting some of your best lines, scenes, even characters. You can save them for your next play. 2) Don't direct your own work. Find a director who will provide the perspective, criticism and objectivity that even the most successful playwrights need in order to bring their work successfully to the stage. 3) Beware of keeping a twenty-first century audience in their seats for more than two hours.

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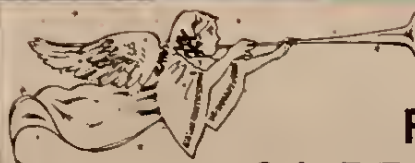
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Auditioners should bring a resume and recent photo and be prepared to read from the script. They must be 10 or older to audition.

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Auditions are by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (215) 968-1904.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory performance dates will be Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 8 at 2 and 4 p.m., and Sunday, April 9 at 2 and 4 p.m. at the Kelsey Theatre.

The Kelsey Theatre is located on Mercer's West Windsor Campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

State Theatre Offering ARB's "The Nutcracker"

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present the American Repertory Ballet's production of the perennial holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*, on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40, with group, student, and senior discounts available.

Set to the music of Tchaikovsky and based on E.T.A. Hoffman's *The Nutcracker* and the King of Mice, *The Nutcracker* tells the classic story of a girl who helps a wooden nutcracker man defeat a nasty army of mice, only to find herself in the magical dream world of the Land of Toys.

Re-imagined by ARB Artistic Director Graham Lustig, the production will feature a cast of more than 100 performers. The ARB premiered Mr. Lustig's *The Nutcracker* in December of 2000.

The set design will be by Zack Brown, the lighting by Alexander V. Nichols.

Established by Audree Estay, The American Repertory Ballet was designated a major arts institution by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts in 1987, and received a Citation of Excellence for 1998-2003, making it the only dance company to receive both honors.

Mr. Lustig, a native of London, England, received his dance training at the Royal Ballet School. After graduation he joined the Dutch National Ballet, becoming one of its soloists. His first choreography, *Thanatos Instinct*, earned him a Dutch Ministry of Culture award. He joined Saddler's Wells Royal Ballet, where he was a principal dancer and choreographed four works. His ballet *Instep* earned him a Lawrence Olivier Award nomination. Since joining ARB, he has created three original works for the company, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Silk-screens*, and *Graham Lustig's The Nutcracker*.

For tickets, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469.

The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.



STOMPIN' AT THE PLAYHOUSE: The song and dance revue "Swing!" will continue through this Sunday, December 11 at The Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. Celebrating the music of the 1930s and '40s, the show combines swing classics such as "Stompin' at the Savoy" and wartime standards such as "I'll Be Seeing You" from the era of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, and Fats Waller. Performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 to \$24. For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041.



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CANADIAN CLASSICISTS: I Musici de Montréal, a 15-member Montreal chamber orchestra, will join the Montreal ensemble Kleztory for "Classic Klezmer," a program of classical and Klezmer works for orchestra and traditional instrumentalists at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Thursday, December 22 at 8 p.m. Founded by cellist and conductor Yuli Turovsky, I Musici performs a repertoire of Baroque to contemporary music in more than 100 concerts per season throughout the world. Klezmer, the traditional music of 19th and 20th century Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe, has experienced a revival in the past three decades. Concert tickets range from \$25 to \$45, and may be ordered by calling the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469.

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Princeton University Wind Ensemble Presents An Enjoyable, Quick-Stepping, and Precise Concert

When one hears the term "wind ensemble," one might think of a small chamber collection of eight or ten players. Thus, it was surprising on Friday night in Richardson Auditorium to see more than 30 members of the Princeton University Wind Ensemble take the stage for their winter concert. Repertoire for winds and brass together can range from band music to standard works arranged for these instruments. Conductor Robert Hinkle, a trombonist with extensive experience working with such top-notch entertainers as Tony Bennett and Ray Charles, drew on his background in jazz and popular music to present a short but varied program of music both written and arranged for winds and brass.

In "Bach, Brahms, and Beyond," the ensemble demonstrated its crisp precision and balanced blend. Maurice Whitney's *Dramatic Episode* was a lively and exciting martial piece, with winds and brass accompanied by percussion. The brass fit well into the texture set up by the winds, and the percussion section was precise and defined. Works arranged for winds do not always bring out the strengths of the instruments. This was not the case in Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in G minor* (originally for organ) and Brahms' chorale, *O God, Thou Holy God* (arranged by Guenther). Bach's *Prelude* was mostly brass, with what music would have been played on the upper manuals of the organ heard from the flutes, oboes and clarinets. Oboists Keerthi Shetty and Casey Ydenberg were prevalent throughout the texture, with tubist Kenny Weeden adding a nice pedal effect. Occasionally, the bottom dropped out of the orchestration, but a very un-Baroque cymbal crash brought the piece back to the

20th century. Brahms' *Prelude to the chorale* tune "O God, Thou Holy God" was equally as solid in sound, with an especially clean bass clarinet (played by Brian Richardson).

The other mainstream classical composer represented on the program was Philadelphia Vincent Persichetti, whose *Poem for Band O Cool* is the Volley was tranquil from its solo clarinet beginning. Not that far removed from his symphonic repertoire in musical detail, this work was perfect for the wind ensemble in its bridging an oft-perceived gap between symphonic repertoire and band music.

The works on the program composed specifically for wind ensemble or military band offered ample opportunities for rich clarinet playing (especially in the lower register) and crisp percussion playing. The second movement of Gordon Jacobs' *Original Suite for Military Band* began with a smooth solo saxophone on a Danny Boyle-like tune, joined by quick saxophone playing from the section in the third movement.

Although less than an hour in length, this concert demonstrated a tremendous amount of commitment from the players to Mr. Hinkle, a conductor at Princeton only for this year. The wind ensemble, yet another offshoot from the Princeton University Orchestra, provides students with further opportunities to explore repertoire not encountered in other ensembles on campus, and it was especially fitting that this concert was dedicated to Rick Modica, a former Princeton student who created the ensemble, but did not live to hear it develop to its fruition.

—Nancy Plum

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Masterwork Chorus Plans Four "Messiah" Concerts

The Masterwork Chorus and Orchestra, led by Westminster Choir College Associate Prof. Andrew Megill, will present G.F. Handel's oratorio *Messiah* in its annual holiday concert at the State Theatre in New Brunswick this Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. The Chorus will also perform the *Messiah* at two other venues, the Community Theatre in Morristown on Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m., and at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Thursday and Friday, December 22 and 23 at 8 p.m.

The Morristown-based Masterwork Chorus will share the stage with four esteemed soloists, including soprano Julianne Baird, familiar to Princeton audiences for her work with Westminster and Princeton Pro Musica. She will be joined by mezzo-soprano Margaret Lattimore, tenor Philippe Castagner, and baritone Brian Mulligan.

The Chorus includes two voices from Princeton, soprano Louise Grafton and alto Allegra Martin, a Westminster graduate student.

Mr. Megill is recognized as one of the leading choral conductors of his generation, known for his artistry and wide-ranging repertoire. The conductor of Westminster's *Fuma Sacra* ensemble, he was appointed Music Director and Conductor of The Masterwork Chorus and Orchestra in January 2000.

Ms. Baird, considered one of America's foremost interpreters of Baroque music, has been called a "national artistic treasure" by *The New York Times*. With 115 recordings, she is one of the world's ten most recorded female artists. Praising her interpretation of the *Messiah*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* wrote, "Handel singers fall into two categories: Julianne Baird and the others."

Ms. Lattimore has sung with the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, San Diego

Opera, Opera Festival of New Jersey, and many others.

Mr. Castagner, a Canadian-American, has already received much acclaim at 26. His 2005-06 season includes performances in New York's Zankel Hall in a program with Richard Goode and Dawn Upshaw, and the title role in Handel's *Acis and Galatea* in his New York City Opera debut.

Mr. Mulligan will make his Carnegie Hall debut with this program. He first performed with the Metropolitan Opera during the 2003-04 season, and has since been heard there in *Il Borbire di Siv-*

iglia. He has also appeared with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and at Spoleto USA.

Since its founding in 1955, The Masterwork Chorus has brought professional-level performances of major choral works to audiences in New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area. Members of the all-volunteer chorus come from more than 50 New Jersey and New York communities and represent a diversity of cultural backgrounds.

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The Sonata in E Minor for flute and continuo by J.S. Bach and the Trio Sonata in D Major for flute, violin, and continuo by C.P.E. Bach will be performed on original instruments. Two other chamber works will be performed on modern instruments, the Duo in G Major for two flutes by W.F. Bach and the Quartet in D for two flutes, viola, and cello by J.C. Bach.

Vocal works on the program will include *Höchstes was ich habe*, an aria for soprano, recorder, and continuo by J.S. Bach; three duets for soprano and mezzo soprano from the *Sei Canzonette o due* by J.C. Bach; and two arias from the *Magnificat* of J.S. Bach.

The performers will be faculty members of Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College. They are Danielle Sinclair, soprano; Linda Mindlin, mezzo soprano; Timothy Urban, baritone and recorder; Jill Crawford, baroque flute; Barbara High-ton Williams and Ellen Fisher Deerberg, flute; Elissa Wagman, baroque violin; Shelley Beard, viola; Tomasz Rzeczycki, cello; David Black, baroque cello; and Gavin Black, harpsichord.

Ms. Sinclair has performed with orchestras throughout the country. Her operatic roles have included Musetta in *La Bohème*, Desplina in *Così fan tutte*, Gretel in *Hänsel and Gretel*, and Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance*. In 1995 she was named Grand Prize Winner of

the Opera at Florham Guild Competition. She is currently on the roster of New York City Opera.

Ms. Mindlin has a varied background in theater, operetta, and concert performance. She is the youth choir director and soloist at Christ Church in New Brunswick, and has been voice clinician for the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival. A graduate of Westminster Choir College, she has taken master classes with Shirlee Emmons, Richard Miller, Barbara Hahn, and others.

Mr. Urban has appeared in concerts and recitals in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Brazil, Hungary, and sung with the associate choruses of New York City Opera, Syracuse Opera, and Tri-Cities Opera, among others. He has doctoral and master's degrees from Rutgers University, a master of music from SUNY Binghamton, and a master of fine arts from Sarah Lawrence College.

Ms. Crawford is active as a performer on both modern and baroque flutes. A member of the chamber ensembles Trillium, Col Legno, and Volanti Flute Quartet, she has performed with area orchestras in a variety of settings and participated in the International Baroque Institute at Longy. A graduate of New England Conservatory and the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, she is a member of the master faculty of Westminster Conservatory.

Ms. Deerberg received her bachelor's degree in music performance from Temple University where she studied with the late Murray Panitz, principal flutist of the Philadelphia Orchestra. She has performed principal flute with many regional orchestras, and serves also on the faculty of the Bryn Mawr Conservatory of Music.

Ms. Williams received a bachelor of arts in music with honors from Principia College. A former member of the San Jose Wind Symphony, she now enjoys free-lance work

throughout New Jersey. She has performed on both coasts of the United States and in France. A member of the master faculty at Westminster Conservatory, she also maintains a private teaching studio in Princeton.

Ms. Wagman has bachelor's degrees in music from Rice University and Oberlin Conservatory and a master's degree from the Eastman School of Music. She has performed with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Chicago Civic Orchestra, and the Springfield (Mass.) Symphony Orchestra. Her numerous awards have included the Performer's Certificate, awarded to a few outstanding players each year at Eastman.

Ms. Beard is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, and Indiana University School of Music. She is currently an assistant professor at Westminster and also serves on the faculties of Temple University Music Prep, Settlement Music School, Wilmington Music School, Moorestown School of Music, and Kimber-ton Waldorf School. An active chamber musician, she was a founding member of the Mühlenberg Piano Quartet, performing recitals at numerous locations, including the Juilliard School, Curtis Institute of Music, Westminster Choir College, and Ursinus College.

A native of Cracow, Poland, Mr. Rzeczycki earned a bachelor of arts in music in Cracow, a master of music in 1998 from Shenandoah Conservatory, and a doctor of musical arts in cello performance from the University of Texas in Austin. In addition to performing in the tri-state area, he teaches cello at the Princeton Day School and Waldorf School of Princeton.

Cellist David Black is a member of the baroque ensemble Col Legno, and a frequent guest artist with the Practitioners of Musick, Mostly Motets, and other area ensembles.



CONSORT CONCERT: The Engelchor Consort will present two concerts of "Music of 15th Century Europe" on Sunday, December 18 at the Princeton University Art Museum, at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Consort members are, back row from left, Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Sue Parisi, and Elizabeth Horn; and front row, Patricia Hlafter and Mary Benton. The concerts will be free.

Harpsichordist Gavin Black, the director of the Princeton Early Keyboard Center, is best known for his recordings of 17th-century keyboard music on the PGM label. He is a founding member of several chamber ensembles, including the Princeton Baroque Ensemble, Whitechapel Baroque, and Channel Crossings.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. To order, call the Westminster Choir College box office at (609) 921-2663.

Orchestra to Showcase Its Competition Winners

The Princeton University Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Pratt, will present a program of works by Mahler, Debussy, Brahms, and Falla this Saturday, December 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The program will open with Claude Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Fawn*, and continue with three dances from Manuel de Falla's *El Sombrero de Tres Picos*. Following the intermission, Concerto Competition winners Sean Effinger-Dean '06, baritone, and Lauren Sarah Carpenter '06, violin, will be featured.

Mr. Effinger-Dean is a senior mathematics major in the Musical Performance Program. He has appeared in the Music Department's production of *Egisto* and will appear in its production of *Patience* this winter. Currently music director of the Nassoons and a member of the Princeton Chamber Choir, he also music directed the Princeton University Players' productions of *Merrily We Roll Along* and *Into the Woods*.

A winner of the 2004 Princeton University Concerto Competition, Ms. Carpenter performed the Shostakovich Concerto last fall. She has given solo performances and recitals throughout Europe and at Manhattan School of Music's Hubbard Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, the Kennedy Center, Avery Fisher Hall, and Stein-

way Hall, among others. She was the recipient of the Kate Bamberger and the Conrad Strasser Memorial Awards at the Manhattan School of Music.

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The Princeton High School Choir will join the Princeton Symphony Orchestra when the PSO presents its annual Family Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. Tenor Stuart Neill, who has performed with The Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Teatro alla Scala, and Opera Company of Philadelphia, among others, will be the guest soloist, appearing with the PSO for the second time this year.

The award-winning Princeton High School Choir, under the direction of Charles Sundquist, will be returning for a third consecutive year to perform a cappella and with orchestra, singing Max Wilberg's *I Saw Three Ships*, *Carol of the Bells* in its original Ukrainian, and Mozart's *Veni, Creator Spiritus*.

PSO Music Director Mark Laycock will conduct, and lead the audience in the concert's traditional sing-along of holiday tunes, with words provided in the program.



Mark Laycock

Mr. Neill, who appeared with the PSO in January in Verdi's *Lo Trovato*, will perform the famous aria *Nessun Dorma*, as well as *Ave Maria* and *O Holy Night*, backed by

the Princeton Symphony. He is recognized as a leading interpreter of the tenor role in Verdi's *Requiem* as well as several works by Hector Berlioz.



Stuart Neill

The Princeton High School Choir has performed extensively in North America and Europe, and collaborated with many notable composers and conductors. In 1978, Gian Carlo Menotti invited the choir to premiere his opera *The Egg* at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston. Maurice Duruflé conducted the choir in a performance of his *Requiem* in 1971, and Zoltán Kodály conducted the choir in 1963 for the International Association of Choral Directors in Budapest.

Founded in 1980, the Princeton Symphony Orchestra received the New Jersey State Council on the Arts' Citation of Excellence, conferred "for exhibiting the highest standards of excellence in its artistry, operations, governance, and public benefit." The orchestra's 2005-06 classical season opened this fall with Mahler's *Fifth Symphony*, in a tribute to PSO Music Director Mark Laycock's 20th anniversary season. Pianist Michael Boriskin was featured in November in George Perle's *Piano Concerto No. 2*. To celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth, the orchestra will perform excerpts from *Don Giovanni*, *Così fan tutte*, and *The Mar-*

riage of Figaro on January 22. Its March 12 concert will feature a three-way collaboration with the Princeton University Art Museum and American Repertory Ballet celebrating the "art for art's sake" movement.

Tickets for the Richardson concert are \$30 for adults, with children and students \$18, and seating is non-assigned. To order, call the PSO at (609) 497-0020, or the Richardson box office at (609) 258-5000.

Three Children's Choirs On Westminster Program

Three Westminster Conservatory Children's Choirs, conducted by Patricia Thel, will present their annual Family Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. in Westminster's Bristol Chapel. The choirs are the Schola Choir (grades 2 and 3), the Children's Choir (grades 4 and 5), and the Cantus Choir (grades 6 to 8), the Middle School Honors Choir.

Entitled *Songs of Peace for the Season*, the concert will feature arrangements for children's voices of holiday favorites. A highlight will be the world premiere of *Christmas Bells*, a setting by Jon Magnussen of Longfellow's poem *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*.

The ensemble will be accompanied by Don Dolan, piano; James Goldsworthy, organ; and Barbara Witmer, recorder.

The audience will be invited to join the choir in singing several Christmas carols.

Ms. Thel has been conductor of the Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir program for 11 years. Under her direction, the program has grown from a small ensemble of 12 students to a program with more than 100 in three choruses. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and East Carolina University, where she taught as a graduate assistant, Ms. Thel has also worked as coach and accompanist at the University of Mississippi with the Southern Theater Repertory Company.

Mr. Magnussen is artist-in-residence at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, where he leads a new music series and lectures on new music. A composer of music for the concert hall, drama, dance, and opera, he composed *Christmas Bells* as a tribute to the work done by the children's choirs at Westminster Conservatory.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students.

To order, call the box office at (609) 921-2663 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community College Plans Two Free Winter Concerts

The Mercer County Community College Chorus and the Mercer County Community College Jazz Band will offer free winter concerts next week at the school's Kelsey Theater — on Wednesday, December 14 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 15 at 8 p.m. respectively.

The MCCC Chorus, conducted by music director Marjorie Herman, will present a program featuring a mix of sacred selections and lighter fare. Titled *Joy To The World*, the program will include Haydn's *Missa St. Johannes de Deo*, Christmas carols, and other holiday favorites. The Chorus is made up of college students and people from surrounding communities.

Directed by James Kelly, the Jazz Band will present a varied program including such jazz

classics as Duke Ellington's *Things Ain't What they Used to Be* and Charlie Parker's *Yardbird Suite*, as well as the standards *Stormy Weather* and *My Funny Valentine*. The program will also include Prof. Kelly's own arrangement of the Sonny Rollins classic, *Pent-Up House*. All selections will feature improvisations by college jazz students.

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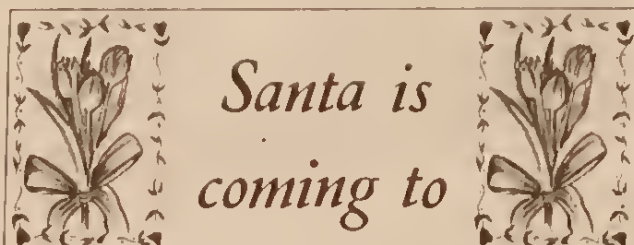
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CINEMA REVIEW

Aeon Flux

Charlize Theron Is an Assassin in a Futuristic, Female Empowerment Film

According to conventional cinematic wisdom, when a studio doesn't invite critics to screen their film in advance of its theatrical release it's a tip-off that the picture is a turkey. However, *Aeon Flux*, a live-action version of the short-lived MTV animated series of the same name, is an exception because its plot-line is more engaging than that of your average futuristic adventure.

The original series, inspired by Japanese anime, revolved around the surreal exploits of an amoral assassin whose motives were never explained. Curiously, the secret agent perished at the end of every television episode.

The movie, loosely based on the MTV series, is Karyn Kusama's second film. Her first movie, *Girlfight*, was also a female empowerment film. Oscar-winner Charlize Theron (*Monster*) does a decent job as an action heroine, even though she sustained a trampoline injury on the set in Berlin in August of 2004.

This 25th century morality play takes place in the antiseptic city of Bregna, a walled utopia which contains what is left of humanity after a virus had

eliminated 99 percent of the world's population four hundred years earlier. The nearly catatonic citizens of Bregna abide by the dictates of Trevor Goodchild (Norton Csokas), a benevolent despot with an iron fist who rules with the aid of an all-seeing robot "eye" which floats over the city.

However, a band of insurgents, led by Handler (Frances McDormand), question whether Trevor really has Bregna's citizens best interests at heart. Aeon is assigned to murder Trevor with the assistance of Sithandra (Sophie Okonedo), a robot that is programmed to be an assassin.

The sparse, angular, modernistic architecture in Bregna provides a visually stimulating experience from start



STEALTHILY INFILTRATING THE ENEMY'S LINES: After government agents murder her sister, Aeon Flux (Charlize Theron), a highly trained soldier, promises to avenge her death and is attempting to secretly breach their defenses in order to assassinate the dictator Trevor Goodchild (played by Norton Csokas).

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to finish. The film's implausible cautionary tale has enough surprises to keep you engaged throughout.

Science-fiction devotees may note that this description sounds a lot like that of *The Island*, last summer's blockbuster from Michael Bay, however, this movie's twists and turns are unique, thought provoking, and satisfying.

Very Good (★★★). PG-13 for sexuality and violence. Running time: 95 minutes. Distributor: Paramount Pictures.

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AT THE CINEMA

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Brakeback Mountain (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Oscar nominee Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) directs this homoerotic drama based on the Annie Proulx short story of the same name. Set in Wyoming and Texas in the sixties, this romantic tale revolves around the divergent fortunes of a couple of closeted gay cowboys, one of whom finds fame in the rodeo (Jake Gyllenhaal) while the other remains a lowly ranch hand (Heath Ledger). With Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway as their unfortunate wives.

Capote (R for violence and profanity). Philip Seymour Hoffman handles the title role of this bio-pic about the period in author Truman Capote's life when he was researching the events surrounding the 1959 murders in Kansas which were the subject of his award-winning best seller *In Cold Blood*. Co-starring Catherine Keener as Harper Lee.

Chicken Little (G). Disney puts a new twist on the classic fable in this animated adventure about a young chicken (Zach Braff) who creates a panic after an acorn falls on his head because he believes that the sky is still falling. Distinctive voicework provided by Joan Cusack, Don Knotts, Steve Zahn, Catherine O'Hara, Fred Willard, Harry Shearer, Adam West, Garry Marshall, and Patrick Stewart.

The Chronicles of Narnia (PG for battle sequences and other frightening moments). Disney animated interpretation of the fanciful C.S. Lewis children's novel, set in the English countryside during the Second World War, follows the adventures of four siblings who happen upon a magical, parallel universe where a lion (Liam Neeson) enlists their help to break the spell of an evil witch (Tilda Swinton).

Derailed (R for sex, expletives, and violence). Jennifer Aniston and Clive Owen star in this psychological thriller as philandering commuters in the midst of a passionate affair who find themselves blackmailed by the thug threatening to reveal their secret.

Good Night, and Good Luck (PG for adult themes and brief profanity). George Clooney wrote, directed and co-stars in this fifties docu-drama, shot in black & white, which revisits CBS journalist Edward R. Murrow's (David Strathairn) determination to expose the overzealous efforts of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a witch hunt, despite being called a Communist by Senator Joe McCarthy. With Patricia Clarkson and Jeff Daniels.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13 for fantasy violence and frightening images). Rapidly-maturing, principal cast intact, Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*) assumes the helm to direct the fourth installment in the franchise based on J.K. Rowling's series of children's novels. The now 14 year-old boy wizard (Daniel Radcliffe) with a penchant for ending up in dire predicaments finds himself back at Hogwarts where he is chosen to compete in the big tournament against students from a couple of other schools dedicated to the occult.

Just Friends (PG-13 for sex content). Romantic comedy about a lovable loser (Ryan Reynolds) who summons up the courage to tell the girl of his dreams (Amy Smart) his true feelings about her. With Chris Klein, Anna Faris, and Alanis Morissette.

Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13 for sexual content and mature subject matter). Oscar nominee Rob Marshall (*Chicogo*) directs this adaptation of Arthur Golden's, purple-edged page turner, set in pre World War II Japan, about the life of a girl (Ziyi Zhang) trained from the age of nine in the arts of pleasing men.

The Passenger (PG-13 for violence, nudity, and profanity). Re-release of Michelangelo Antonioni's 1975 whodunit starring Jack Nicholson as a war correspondent on assignment to cover an insurrection in North Africa who decides to assume the identity of a dead man who looked like him. With Maria Schneider as the exotic beauty who befriends him.

Pride and Prejudice (PG for mature themes). Tenth adaptation of the Jane Austen classic exploration of late 18th Century British gentility revolves around a meddling mom's (Brenda Blethyn) efforts to marry off her five daughters (Keira Knightley, Jena Malone, Talulah Riley, Rosamund Pike, and Carey Mulligan) to appropriate eligible bachelors, especially the wealthy Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen). Cast includes Donald Sutherland and Dame Judi Dench.

Rent (PG 13 for sex, expletives, and mature themes). Original Broadway cast (with the addition of Rosario Dawson) returns to reprise their roles in screen version of Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical. Ostensibly inspired by Puccini's *La Boheme*, update is set over the course of one very eventful year in the lives of a group of Greenwich Village bohemians burdened by a variety of issues.

Shopgirl (R for sex and expletives). Adapting his own novella of the same name, Steve Martin stars in this romantic comedy as a wealthy, worldly-wise older man who finds himself in a love triangle with a Saks Fifth Avenue cashier (Claire Danes) torn between him and a man (Jason Schwartzman) her own age.

The Squid and the Whale (R for sex and expletives). Dysfunctional family drama, set in Brooklyn in 1986, focuses on the emotional fallout visited upon the 12 and 16 year-old sons of an unhappily married couple (Laura Linney and Jeff Daniels) going through a messy divorce.

Syriana (R for violence and profanity). George Clooney heads the ensemble cast in the lead role of this multi-layered, political potboiler, based on *See No Evil*, Robert Baer's memoir of his international derring-do during a 21-year career with the CIA. With Oscar-winners Matt Damon, William Hurt, and Chris Cooper, Amanda Peet, Jeffrey Wright, Tim Blake Nelson and Christopher Plummer.

Walk the Line (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes, and a depiction of drug dependency). Joaquin Phoenix impersonates Johnny Cash, while Reese Witherspoon plays wife June in this life and times bio-pic based on two autobiographies by the late country singer who'd "been everywhere, man" and always dressed in black. Cast includes Tyler Hilton as Elvis Presley, Shooter Jennings as his father, Waylon, Jonathan Rice as Roy Orbison, Waylon Payne as Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Holiday as Carl Perkins.

Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG for crude humor). Dennis Quaid and Renée Russo invoke fond memories of Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball who starred in the original version of this blended family comedy about a widower with 8 kids whose marriage to a widow with 10 urchins of her own turns into a nightmare when they all try to live under one roof.

Zathura (PG for fantasy action, scenes of peril, and mild profanity). Based on the Chris Van Allsburg children's book of the same name, this sci-fi sequel to *Jumanji* revolves around the outer space adventures encountered by two brothers (Jonah Bobo and Josh Hutcherson) who find a board game which magically catapults them toward a faraway purple planet. With Tim Robbins and Kristen Stewart.

—Kam Williams

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A CHOIR FAMILY: Maureen Quirk, Jovi Tened, and Helena Tened were celebrating music last Saturday at the St. Nicholas Bazaar. (Photo by George Vogel)

CLUBS

The Jersey Jumpers will hold a Swing Dance on Friday, December 16 at the Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road. A beginner jitterbug lesson will be offered at 7:30 p.m., an intermediate jitterbug lesson at 8 p.m. Open dancing will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Admission will be \$11 for adults, \$8 for students.

The club will also hold a salsa dance at the Suzanne Patterson Center on Saturday, December 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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1:00 p.m. Science Tuesday; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Trials for Trying Times; BH.
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

Friday, December 9:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club Meeting; SPB.

Monday, December 12:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, December 13:

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC.
10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature w/George Ingenbrandt; SC.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, December 14:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Holiday Party; SPB.

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7:30 p.m.: *One-Act Plays of 20th Century Masters*; Princeton Public Library Community Room. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Inspecting Carol*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

7 p.m.: Leon Redbone; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

7 p.m.: Theatre Intime's *Wonderland Salvage*; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: *If I Could, In My Hood, I Would*; Passage Theatre, Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: *A Christmas Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Loromie Project*; Mackay Campus Center Auditorium, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 9

2 to 4 p.m.: Community Blood Council of New Jersey Blood Drive; A-1 Limousine, 2 Emmons Drive.

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Susan Cannon Harris, *O'Blunder in Love: Irishness, Masculinity, and Marriage on the 18th Century Stage*; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

5:30 to 9 p.m.: Trenton2Nite jazz concert with saxophonist Tommy Gryce and the band Jazspir; Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street.

7 p.m.: Reading and book signing with novelist Chang-rae Lee, Bart Luedeke Center Theater, Rider University.

7 p.m.: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Squabbles*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Glee Club and Chamber Choir; Richardson Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Faculty Concert, *Christmas with the Boch Family*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Chapel Choir, Schola Cantorum, Symphonic Choir, and Concert Bell Choir; Princeton University Chapel. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Azoguno in Concert, African music and

dance; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: Hopewell Valley Chorus Holiday Concert; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Barry Friedman; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

Noon to 2 p.m.: Christmas Concert with Nassau Brass; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

2 and 7 p.m.: Princeton Dance and Theater Studio's *Traditional Holiday Nutcracker*; Montgomery Township High School, Skillman.

3 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Children's Choirs, *Songs of Peace for the Season*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mariachi Champana Nevín, *La Fiesta de la Nochebuena: A Mexican Christmas Celebration*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: World Music Concert; Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, Skillman.

8:30 p.m.: Jazz band Ocean Explosion; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, December 11

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Community Blood Council of New Jersey Blood Drive; St. Ann's Church, Lawrenceville.

3 p.m.: Masterwork Chorus and Orchestra, Handel's *Messiah*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra Chamber Series, *Music for Two Harps* with harpists Andre Taranilles and Barbara Biggers; Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

Monday, December 12

Recycling Pickup

4 p.m.: Historic Preservation Commission; Township Municipal Complex.

7 p.m.: WPST *Winter Wonder Jam*; Sovereign Bank Arena, 81 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton.

7:30 p.m.: Vienna Choir Boys; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Sinfonia; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: Holiday Sing-Along with Dotty Westgate and the Tritones; 1860 House Café, Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

Tuesday, December 13

5:30 p.m.: Lecture by Princeton University Prof. T. Leslie Shear Jr., *The Stoa Basileios in the Athenian Agora*; 010 East Pyne. Free.

6 p.m.: Borough Merchants for Princeton Holiday Party; Nassau Inn.

6 to 9 p.m.: Tuesday Nite Jazz with John Henry Goldman; Sunny Garden Restaurant, Farber Road.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: *Inspecting Carol*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Chapel Choir, Schola Cantorum, Symphonic Choir, and Concert Bell Choir; Princeton University Chapel. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

6:30 and 8:30 p.m.: Service of Lessons and Carols with Jubilate Deo and Cantate Domino Choirs; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Township Municipal Complex.

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7:30 p.m.: *A Christmas Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus, *Joy To The World*; Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College. Free.

Thursday, December 15

7:30 p.m.: Poetry reading with Pulitzer Prize Winner Paul Muldoon; Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Community Chorus and Chamber Choir; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College. Free.

Friday, December 16

8 p.m.: *Squabbles*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, *Carols for Chorus, Harp, and Percussion*; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Rackett; Berlind Theatre.

8 p.m.: Voices Chorale's *Festival of Candles and Carols*; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Chris Coccia; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

Noon to 2 p.m.: Christmas Concert with Nassau Brass; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.



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1 and 4:30 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's *The Nutcracker*; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Sunday at 1 and 4:30 p.m.

2 and 4 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet's *The Nutcracker*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Concert, with Princeton High School Choir; Richardson Auditorium.

7 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater's *Holiday Fare* Concert; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Pop/jazz vocalist Stacey Kent; Berlind Theatre. SRO.

8 p.m.: Peace and Joy Concert with tenor Claran Sheehan and soprano Aldeen O'Donnell; St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: The American Boychoir; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: Voices Chorale's *Festival of Candles and Carols*; Princeton United Methodist Church.

8 p.m.: *The Wiz*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

8:30 p.m.: Chris Harford; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

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Animal lovers who want to share the holiday spirit of giving are invited to donate food, toys and treats for dogs and cats at animal shelters this month through a special program organized by Best Friends Kauffman Kennels, 1379 Route 130 in Windsor.

The staff there has set up an angel tree with cards providing information about needy dogs and cats at various shelters in the area. "The holiday season can be a difficult time for animal shelters," explains Jen Hodge, manager of Best Friends Kauffman Kennels. "Donations of food and funds decline this time of year. What's more, few animals find homes during the holidays, so many shelters are at capacity and need donations more than ever."

Pet lovers can show support by visiting any Best Friends Kennel and selecting a homeless animal card from the Angel Tree. Each card lists items from the various shelter wish lists and donors are asked to purchase the

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The Best Friends Angel Tree Program is in its fifth year of operation. Last year, more than 50 shelters and rescue groups across the U.S. received food, toys, treats and pet care products for the homeless pets in their care.

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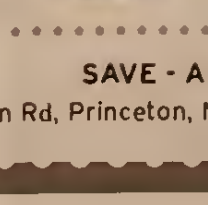
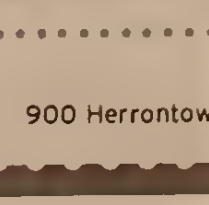
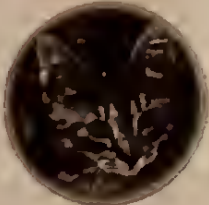
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Sports

Sparked by Lockwood's Fiery Performance, Tiger Women's Hoops Rallies Past Colgate

Casey Lockwood is determined to make the most out of every minute she plays for the Princeton University women's basketball team.

After blowing out her right knee as a freshman two seasons ago, Lockwood has cherished the opportunity to get back on the floor for the Tigers.

Due to her struggle to overcome injury, Lockwood was as angry as any of the Tigers as they jogged into the locker room trailing Colgate 38-31 last Saturday.

Not wanting to squander another second, Lockwood hit the court with a vengeance in the second half as she scored 12 points, made five steals, and grabbed three rebounds to spark a rally which turned the game into a 79-61 win for Princeton.

With her blonde hair still disheveled and sweat rolling down her face, junior co-captain Lockwood acknowledged afterward that she was disgusted by how things started on the evening.

"We've got to come out ready to play and pick up the defense, hit the boards and execute our offense," said the 6'0 Lockwood, who ended the night with a total of 18 points, six rebounds, three assists, and five steals as Princeton improved to 4-2 on the season. "I definitely came out slow like everyone else in the first half. I feel like I wasn't playing with the intensity that I needed."

Lockwood was happy with the intensity the Tigers showed in the wake of their sluggish first half effort.

"I feel like it turned around in the second half; everybody got on the same page," said Lockwood, a native of Ross, Calif. who played well enough in her freshman year before the injury to end up being named to the Ivy League All-Rookie team.

"Everybody was getting after it; a couple of my steals came off of other people tipping the ball and me just grabbing the ball."

While Lockwood was embarrassed by how things started, she believes the rally shows that the Tigers are developing a winning resolve.

"This is a game we would not have won last year," asserted Lockwood, who is averaging 10.3 points and 4.3 rebounds a game. "I think that says something for what we've been doing this year. It is also a little warning that we can't come out like this."

Lockwood is happy with getting the chance to come out on the court for Princeton. "I'm happy with my health," said Lockwood, who has shed the heavy brace she wore on her knee last season.

"In terms of strength, jumping and getting the quickness back, I feel like it's definitely starting to come back. It just makes you appreciate your health so much more. I couldn't be happier coming back; I am real thankful that I could come back."

Princeton head coach

Richard Barron was thankful for Lockwood's play in the second half last Saturday.

"Casey had a great second half," said Barron, who got 14 points and 12 rebounds from Becky Brown, 12 points from Meg Cowher and 16 points in 13 minutes from reserve forward Ariel Rogers.

"She wasn't quite ready to play in the first half; she gave us some shots in transition but she came back and had a great second half."

Barron acknowledged that Colgate caught his club by surprise. "Credit them, they came out ready to play," said Barron, whose team's 4-2 start is its best in four seasons. "They got up 14-5; that got them going and believing they could win. We responded to that with a kind of panic. We didn't play our game; we were standing around and watching them play."

Although Barron was heartened by his club's rally, he isn't looking for the Tigers to make comebacks a habit. "We did stuff we run in practice," said Barron, whose club out-rebounded the Raiders 47-26 and forced 24 turnovers.

"We played our game and I thought they did it well. Maybe we will look back on this and say we learned something but that's certainly not the goal. I don't think you learn anything by playing poorly. We just have to play a 40-minute game."

To that end, Barron is looking for a complete effort from his whole rotation. "Our starting five is terrific, our bench is solid," said Barron. "We've got to get more production out of our reserves when we put them in the games. Ariel came through tonight but we only had a total of four points from the others. We need to get 10-12 points; that can really make a difference."

With Princeton playing at Army on December 8 before hosting No. 7 Rutgers on December 11, the Tigers can't afford to play well for just a half.

"Army is a good team," said Barron. "It's a tough road trip. We don't have a lot of



LOCK DOWN: Princeton junior forward Casey Lockwood, left, fights for a rebound in the Tigers' win over Lehigh earlier this season. Last Saturday, Lockwood contributed 18 points, six rebounds, three assists, and five steals as Princeton overcame a 38-31 halftime deficit to Colgate to beat the Raiders 79-61.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ Sports Action)

time to get used to the gym because there is a men's game before ours. We're going to be motivated. Rutgers is a great team; they have so much talent at every position. But it's no different than when we play Colgate, we have to worry about ourselves and play our game."

Lockwood, for her part, is motivated for both of the upcoming tests. "Lauren Nestor and I have a good friend who plays on Army so we're looking forward to that," said Lockwood. "Rutgers will be a challenge. We just want to have fun and learn from the game."

No matter how the games come out, it's clear that Lockwood is having fun getting the chance to once again go full throttle for the Tigers.

—Bill Alden



IN STEP: Princeton senior guard Katy O'Brien, right, races up the court in recent action. With O'Brien providing steady play from the backcourt, the Tigers have produced a 4-2 start, their best in four seasons. Princeton will look to keep on the right track as it plays at Army on December 8 before hosting No. 7 Rutgers on December 11.

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Tiger Women's Hockey Gets Offensive In Lopsided Wins Over Cornell, Colgate

In going 5-3-2 in its first 10 games, the Princeton University women's hockey team relied on its defense as it averaged just 2.3 goals a game in that stretch.

This past weekend, however, the Tigers' offense stole the show as Princeton exploded for a 7-0 win over Cornell on Friday night and then came back a day later to whip Colgate 6-2.

In reflecting on his team's outburst, Princeton head coach Jeff Kampersal was happy with how his team got out of the gate in both contests.

"For whatever reason, we

got off to a good start in each of the games," said Kampersal, whose team is now 7-3-2 overall and 4-0 in ECAC Hockey League play. "When we score first, the kids seem to feed off of that and the momentum builds."

In the victory over Cornell, the Tigers fed off a sparkling performance by junior forward Kim Pearce, who was credited with six assists, the second highest single-game total in program history.

"Kim had a great game," said Kampersal of his leading scorer who now has 20 points this season on four goals and 16 assists. "She takes a lot of

shots and she's been working hard on her placement so we can get better chances off of her rebounds. Some of her assists came on those plays and some came on great passes. Everybody chipped in."

Ironically, it was Kampersal's decision to shift junior winger Laura Watt to defense that helped trigger Princeton's offense. "We were worried about Cornell's forechecking and wanted someone back there who is really good with the puck," said Kampersal, who got a goal and an assist from Watt together with two goals from Brittany Salmon and one apiece from Marykate Oakley, Christine Foster, Annie Greenwood, and Heather Jackson. "I don't know if that's going to be a permanent move but she really helped us back there."

On Saturday, freshman star Greenwood really helped Princeton as she tallied a career-high four goals with three of her scores coming in the first period.

"Annie has been working hard," said Kampersal of the freshman from New Canaan, Conn. who leads the Tigers in goals with 10. "She is responding to our critiques. She is a good goal scorer."

In Kampersal's view, Greenwood's big effort is just the start of good things to come.

"She is like Gretchen Anderson in her ability to finish; if she gets the puck on her stick near the net she scores," added Kampersal, whose other goal scorers against Colgate were Foster and Salmon. "Each and every weekend she seems to get better. It helps confidence all the way around the team."

With Princeton riding a three-game winning streak and hosting Wayne State on December 9 and 10, Kampersal believes the team is gaining a lot of self-confidence.

"Starting this season with some road games against some of our toughest opponents made us battle-tested," asserted Kampersal, whose team is in the middle of a season-high 10-game homestand. "We have to take advantage of being home and doing well while we are here since we are going to be on the road for most of January."

If the Tigers can keep building momentum, they could prove to be unwelcome visitors come January.

—Bill Alden



HIGH WATTAGE: Princeton junior women's hockey star Laura Watt glides up the ice in action last winter. Last Saturday, Watt notched a goal and an assist as Princeton topped Colgate 6-2. The Tigers, now 7-3-2 overall and 4-0 in ECAC Hockey League, host Wayne State on December 9 and 10.

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OUT OF WHACK: Princeton junior forward Luke Owings, left, has trouble controlling the ball in the Tigers' recent loss to Lafayette. Last Saturday, Owings and his teammates continued to struggle as the Tigers fell 62-39 at Colgate to drop to 1-3 on the season. In upcoming action, Princeton was slated to host Temple on December 6 and Wyoming on December 10.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Tiger Men's Squash Tops Brown, Now 5-0

Defending national champion Yasser El Halaby led the charge as the Princeton University men's squash team routed visiting Brown 9-0 last Saturday.

El Halaby cruised to a 9-6, 9-1, 9-0 win at the No. 1 position while his younger brother, freshman Hesham El Halaby, posted a 9-3, 9-0, 10-8 win at No. 4. Other winners for Princeton were Mauricio Sanchez, Kimlee Wong, Michael Gilman, Vincent Yu, Preston Comey, Nate Beck, and Tom McKay.

In upcoming action, the Tigers, now 5-0 overall and 2-0 in Ivy League play, compete in the 5-Man Championship at New Haven, Conn. from December 9-11.

tional last weekend at Providence, R.I.

Sarah Scahaffer won three individual events at the meet while Lisa Hamming and Brett Shifflett each won two races.

Tiger Women's Squash Stays Perfect

Top player Claire Rein-Weston rallied for a 3-1 win to help spark the Princeton University women's squash team to a 9-0 victory over visiting Brown last Saturday.

Other winners for Princeton included Marilla Hiltz, Lena Neufeld, Casey Riley, Margaret Kent, Carly Grabowski, Gen Lessard, Anina Nolan, Maggie O'Toole, and Aly Brady. The Tigers improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in Ivy action with the triumph.

Butler had two falls, a major decision, and an injury default while teammates Danny Scotton, Andrew Iannuzzi, and Marty Everin also went 4-0.

In team competition, Princeton beat Roger Williams 41-4, Williams 29-21, Maritime 53-0, and Western New England 53-6.

The Tigers are next in action when they wrestle at Franklin and Marshall on December 7.

Princeton Men's Swimmers Dominate Brown Meet

Keeping up its strong start, the Princeton men's swimming team posted a comfortable win at the Brown Invitational at Providence, R.I. last weekend.

The Tigers piled up 546 points as it outscored Brown, Massachusetts, and Connecticut in the team standings.

Individual standouts for Princeton included Doug Lennox, Melr Hasbani, and Michael Zee, who each earned a pair of individual wins.

Tiger Women's Swimmers Cruise to Win at Brown

Building an early lead, the Princeton women's swimming team cruised to an easy win at the three-day Brown Invita-

Princeton Wrestling Goes 4-0 at NYU Duals

Led by senior star Jake Butler, the Princeton University wrestling team went 4-0 at the NYU Duals last weekend.



SEEING RED: Princeton sophomore forward Erik Pridham fights to get possession of the puck in a game earlier this season. Last weekend, the Tigers came up empty as they fell to No. 11 Cornell 4-1 on Friday and then dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker at No. 13 Colgate a night later. Princeton, now 3-9 overall and 2-8 in ECAC Hockey League play, hosts Alabama-Huntsville on December 9 and 10.

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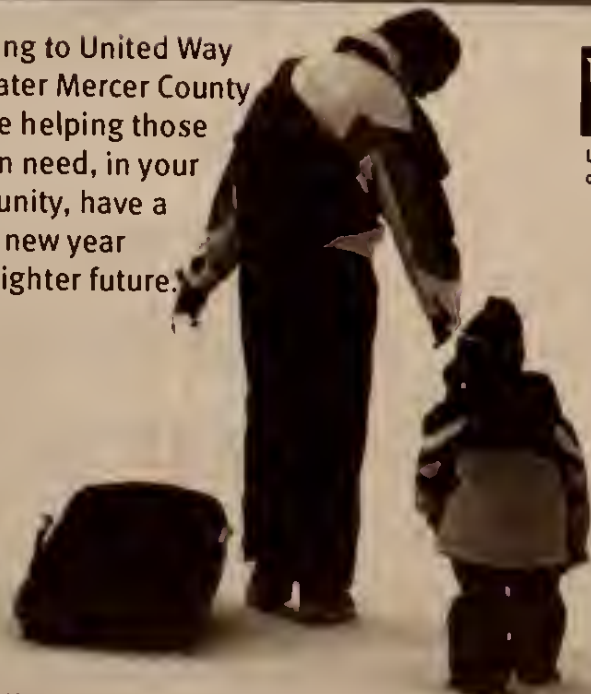
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With Carduner Leading From the Back, PHS Boys' Hockey Off to Blazing Start

As a sophomore two winters ago, Brad Carduner's last appearance for the Princeton High boys' ice hockey team at the Mercer County Park rink came when he was carried off the ice with a broken arm.

Last Thursday, Carduner's first appearance at MCP in his senior season ended with grins as he and his teammates glided off the ice after blanking Ewing High 7-0.

In Carduner's view, the Little Tigers' strong opener was a matter of taking care of business. "We did a good job," said Carduner, one of PHS' top defensemen. "We just kept them in the offensive end and shut them down when they tried to get out. We just kept putting the puck in the net."

After helping the Little Tigers win the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) last season, Carduner is not shy on the ice. "Me, Justin, and Christian are pretty vocal out there," asserted the curly-

haired Carduner with a grin. "We're trying to lead the team around, finding kids who are open for us and finding where the other men are for them."

After a tough road back from his injury, which sidelined him for most of his sophomore season and bothered him into his junior year, Carduner is relishing every shift he gets.

"I only got to play five games my sophomore year," recalled Carduner. "It was pretty hard. I wasn't out there to help the team except to play in the last game."

With the Little Tigers entering this season with a bull's eye on their back after going 19-5-1 on the way to the MCT crown, Carduner and his teammates know they have to bring it home every night.

"Everybody is looking to beat us because we are the defending champs," said Carduner. "We want to come back and keep the title and make it a good year."

PHS head coach Paul Merrow was pleased with the way his squad wore down Ewing in getting the season off to a good start.

"We had a lot of shots," said Merrow, whose club outshot the Blue Devils by an astounding 65-3 margin.

"I told the guys it was the same thing as last year. They're not going to skate with us; they're not going to play with us. It's just a matter of time until we got through; we just need to keep putting pucks on the net."

The veteran Little Tigers showed their balance as John Ryan scored two goals with Peter Teifer, Peter Miller, Jonathan Naylor, Colin Serafin, and Kyle DeBlois adding one apiece.

"Our depth overall is very good," said Merrow. "Offensively, we're three lines deep. With Sammy [Finell] coming back in January [from an appendectomy], we'll be even deeper."

Merrow also has plenty of talent on the defensive end in Carduner and his colleagues.

"Our defense is solid," added Merrow, whose club improved to 2-0 by routing Nottingham 10-0 last Monday as Teifer scored four goals and Ryan chipped in three. "We have good senior leadership with Justin being our captain and Brad Christina is another assistant captain; our defense is deep."

That depth will come in handy as PHS deals with opponents primed to knock it off. "You win any tournament, any league and there's a bull's eye on your back," acknowledged Merrow, whose club faces WW/P-N on December 7 and Hamilton on December 12 with both contests scheduled to be played at MCP. "Teams want to knock you off. You've got to come out with your game no matter who you play in the league."

Carduner, for his part, thinks PHS can meet that challenge. "We're playing really strong," asserted Carduner. "I really can't think of anything we need to work on to improve. I think we can go pretty far in the states; potentially into the Final Eight."

—Bill Alden



ZONE COVERAGE: Princeton High defensive star Brad Carduner, right, clears the puck in action last season. With Carduner providing leadership from the back, PHS is off to a 2-0 start having outscored its opponents 17-0 so far this season.

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BLANK SLATE: Princeton High goalie Shane Leuck makes a save in a game last season. Leuck hasn't surrendered a goal yet this season as PHS topped Ewing 7-0 last Thursday in its season opener and then trounced Nottingham 10-0 last Monday. PHS will look to keep on the winning track as it faces WW/P-N on December 7 and Hamilton on December 12 with both contests scheduled to be played at MCP.

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Triggered by Sepulveda's Unselfish Approach, Hun Girls' Hoops Cruises to Victory in Opener

Amanda Sepulveda brings some impressive credentials to the Hun School girls' basketball team.

The post-graduate from Perth Amboy High set the school record there for career points with 1,268, averaging 18.3 points a game as a senior as she earned All-Middlesex recognition.

But in her Hun debut last Saturday, it was Sepulveda's other offensive skills that stood out as she helped the Raiders dismantle visiting Lower Moreland 86-28.

Displaying flashy ball-handling and a knack for dishing to the open player, Sepulveda's playmaking as much as her shooting helped trigger the Hun rout.

A smiling Sepulveda made it clear afterward that she enjoys sharing the rock. "I'm an unselfish player," asserted Sepulveda, who scored 13 points in the season-opening win. "I like to pass the ball more than I like to shoot. I love to score but I'd rather make a nice pass than take a jump shot."

Despite the accolades she

garnered at Perth Amboy, Sepulveda knew that she could use more seasoning on and off the court before heading to college.

"I needed more exposure athletically," said Sepulveda, who led Perth Amboy to a 20-4 record in her senior campaign. "I came here for a year to help my athletics and to help me academically. My goal is to go a D-1 school in college."

After graduating from a large public high school with 2,000 students, Sepulveda is enjoying her transition to Hun. "I love it," said Sepulveda, who lives on campus. "I was independent before but coming here it's convenient for me. My teammates have helped show me around; it's a small community so you get to know people quickly."

Sepulveda has quickly developed a connection with her backcourt partner, Ali Tartacoff, a junior transfer from Montgomery High.

"She had the guard mentality, she knows where I'm coming from," said Sepulveda. "She's an all-around great

player; we have a bond."

Hun head coach Bill Holup was pleased with the cohesion his club showed on opening day. "They are a very unselfish team," said Holup, whose club jumped out to a 28-7 lead by the end of the first quarter on the way to the easy win. "They are all jelling, there is a chemistry. The girls all like each other and that makes for a better basketball team."

Sepulveda's distribution of the ball didn't come as a surprise to Holup. "She averaged seven assists a game last season," said Holup, who got 18 points from Tartacoff and 14 from sophomore star Emily Gratch. "She's an unselfish player; she'll give it up when someone is closer to the basket."

The tandem of Sepulveda and Tartacoff gives Holup plenty of flexibility in the backcourt. "They work so well together, it's a great combination," said Holup. "Either one of them can play the one or the two. Whoever brings it up

knows what to do and plays well."

In Holup's view, his team should have a formidable inside-outside punch this season. "We're better this year on handling the double team in the post," explained Holup, who relies on Gratch and senior Mary Stinson for most of the team's inside production. "We can dump it back outside and hit threes from out there. It spreads the defense out."

On Saturday, Holup got the chance to give his whole rotation some action as he was able to clear the bench. "It's definitely good to start the season and give everybody a lot of time," added Holup, who got 10 points from freshman reserve Cyndra Couch. "They've all worked hard in practice. Everybody played in the first half; everybody played in the second half. We're a young team except for Mary and Amanda so we need that experience."

Hun is going to need all hands on deck as it looks to build on the success it enjoyed last winter when it posted a program-best 22-3 record.

"With the schedule we've put together, there are some real challenges," said Holup, whose club plays at Penn Charter on December 8 and at Episcopal on December 10. "We have to make sure we're strong at the start and keep getting stronger."

Sepulveda, for her part, believes that Hun just needs to stick to the basics in order to remain formidable.

"I think we just have to play the game; the passion is there," maintained Sepulveda. "On defense, we just have to attack and help each other out. The offense comes off the defense."

And with the unselfish Sepulveda helping to trigger things, the Hun offense figures to overwhelm a lot of teams this winter.

—Bill Alden

INSIDE STUFF: Hun School sophomore star Emily Gratch lunges toward the basket against Peddie last season in the Prep A title game. Last Saturday, Gratch chipped in 14 points as Hun opened its 2005-06 season in style by routing Lower Moreland 86-28. In upcoming action, Hun plays at Penn Charter on December 8 and at Episcopal on December 10.

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Hun Boys' Hockey Rises to the Occasion As It Opens Season With Solid Victory

Francois Bourbeau didn't like how his Hun School boys' ice hockey team performed as it dropped its last two pre-season scrimmages.

Last Friday, Bourbeau's mood brightened considerably as the Raiders whipped Academy of New Church 7-2 in the season opener.

"I saw a lot of improvement from our last two scrimmages," said Bourbeau. "We learned from our mistakes in those scrimmages but losing wasn't good for our spirit. They came out with a lot more intensity in the opener; they were more focused than in the scrimmages. They showed a lot of enthusiasm."

Hun also showed plenty of skill as Brendan Gallagher and A.J. Blackburn each scored two goals with Peter Plumeri, Andrew Ashenfelter, and Mike Williams chipping in one apiece. "The guys were more into my system," asserted Bourbeau. They played the defensive zones better and there was better movement of the puck.

By moving the puck better, a lot of Raiders got into the act offensively. "They all played pretty well," said Bourbeau. "On our top two lines, I think everybody had points. There was good balance. Our two freshmen Brendan Gallagher and Harry Blackburn did a good job; I liked what they showed me."

Post-graduate star Ashenfelter figures to generate a lot of points for the Raiders this winter. "I'm expecting him to fill the shoes of Matt Torstrup," said Bourbeau, referring to the graduated Torstrup, his leading scorer the last two seasons. "Not so

much in scoring goals but in creating plays."

Bourbeau is expecting a lot of big plays from his star senior goalie Ben Wirjosemito. "He's my backbone; he works hard all the time," said Bourbeau, who is also looking for leadership from his junior forward Joe Deane and senior winger A. J. Blackburn.

"He stays after practice to do extra goaltending drills. He's committed to being a winner. He's learned a lot the last three years. He's not only stopping the puck for us but he is communicating a lot on the ice. That will help him in the long run."

Hun's success this winter could depend on a greater commitment collectively to defense. "We have many players who are skilled offensively but they need to learn defense," said Bourbeau, whose team dropped a 4-3 decision to Pingry last Monday to move to 1-1 on the season.

"I need my offense to help my defense. We need to work on forechecking and backchecking. We've got to make sure that everybody is on a man so that the shots are coming from the outside."

In Bourbeau's view, the opening day win should build confidence as Hun battles through some tough early season tests.

"It was a good start, it was good to get a win," said Bourbeau, whose club hosts Toms River North on December 7 and local rival Princeton Day School on December 9. "I think that's good motivation."

—Bill Alden

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Zosulis Bringing Emphasis on Defense As He Takes Helm of PDS Boys' Hoops

As the third head coach in the last four seasons for the Princeton Day school boys' basketball team, Kyle Zosulis could have found players wary of change.

Instead, the new coach has been impressed by how receptive the squad has been to his approach as he replaces Ahmed El-Nokali who guided the Panthers to a 7-18 mark before heading to business school.

"I'm all about defense," said Zosulis, whose previous coaching stops include Bucks County Community College, Harry S. Truman High in

Bristol, Pa., and his high school alma mater Council Rock. "I think they are very into my system."

A key factor in the smooth transition has been the diligence shown by the PDS players. "These kids work hard," said Zosulis, a 1991 graduate of Kings College in western Pennsylvania where he played basketball and baseball. "They bring their lunch pail to work everyday; they have a tremendous work ethic."

In Zosulis' view, that intensity starts with his senior co-captains Drew Godwin and Andrew Davidson. "He's got-

ten bigger," said Zosulis of Godwin, who passed the 1,000-point mark in his PDS career last winter. "He's taken a leadership role as a captain. Andrew had a great summer; his back seems fine. He's done very well in our scrimmages."

Another player who has looked good so far is talented sophomore Jordan Mickens. "Jordan really worked hard all summer," said Zosulis, whose other sophomores include C.J. Martino and Mike Shimkin. "He's grown two inches and he's strong. He's fundamentally sound; he's going to be something."

Junior guard Armando Davis epitomizes the spirit that Zosulis has found in his new team. "Armando has a motor that doesn't stop," asserted Zosulis. "He went from 5'7½ to 6'0. He's a gym rat. He's relentless on defense and he plays so damn hard. He will be a starter for us."

Other juniors who should get some minutes include guard Andrew Dowdy, forward James Weeks, and center Zack Schechtel. Senior guard Ram Narayan and freshman guard Blake Backinoff round out the Panthers' rotation.

With a roster of just 11 players and nobody standing over 6'3, Zosulis knows his team needs to play hard-nosed defense to succeed.

"We're going to have to play

great defense," maintained Zosulis. "I play a match-up zone with some pressing. With our defense, we're trying to limit teams to just one shot."

On offense, the Panthers will pick their spots when it comes to pushing the ball up the court. "We'll run some but we'll play something in between a running game and a deliberate game," explained Zosulis, whose team opens the season by hosting Pennington on December 8 before playing at George School on December 12. "We will cherish each possession."

Zosulis, for his part, is cherishing the chance to coach at PDS. "I live in East Windsor and work in Piscataway," said Zosulis, who last coached at Harry S. Truman in the 2001-02 season.

"When I heard about the PDS job, I thought it had a local flavor for me. I'm excited about the Prep league. I think we can do well in Prep B."

If Zosulis can get his charges to share his taste for defense, the Panthers could be a force this winter.

—Bill Alden



PUMPED UP: Princeton Day School boys' basketball senior co-captains Drew Godwin, left, and Andrew Davidson are pumped up for the start of the season. The Panthers will be depending on Godwin and Davidson to provide plenty of offense and leadership as they tip off the season by hosting Pennington on December 8 before playing at George School on December 12. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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NEW DIRECTION: Princeton Day School's new boys' basketball coach Kyle Zosulis prepares to blow the whistle at a practice session last week. Zosulis, whose previous coaching stops include Bucks County Community College, Harry S. Truman High in Bristol, Pa., and his high school alma mater Council Rock, is bringing an emphasis on defense to the program. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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After Gaining Hard Experience Last Season, PDS Girls' Basketball Looks to Be Stronger

Going with a youthful roster last winter that included no seniors, the Princeton Day school girls' basketball team took its lumps.

The callow Panthers learned some hard lessons along the way as they posted a 2-19 record.

Looking ahead to the upcoming season, PDS head coach Sue Repko can already see how her veteran players benefited from that experience.

"We were a young team last year," said Repko, who is in her third full season as the Panther head coach.

"We have just about everybody back. Everybody came back stronger. I think we're going to be able to use our speed and stamina."

The Panther who may have benefited the most from a year under her belt is sophomore point guard Hannah Epstein.

"Hannah is really taking charge with the ball," said Repko, noting that Epstein played AAU ball again last summer. "She didn't show her full potential last year. She just needed experience."

PDS is also looking for big improvement from its two other sophomores Erin Burns and Tova Ferstenberg.

"Erin saw some time last year," said Repko. "She has a picture perfect jump shot. She just needed experience; she is one of our most improved players. Tova is blocking shots in practice; she should give us a lot of help up front."

PDS' two main weapons in the paint should be sophomore Meg Francfort and junior Ashley Chappo.

"Meg scored in double figures for us a couple of times late last season," said Repko, who will be missing talented junior Keely Langdon in the early stages of the season due to injury. "Ashley is so fast and has good moves inside. We're hoping for good balance."

The Panthers will be looking to senior captain Ellen Cook to keep things in balance. "She's been a starter since she's been a sophomore," said Repko, who is also expecting some good minutes from her other seniors, Cait McPhaden and Lexi Shechtel.

"She has stepped a lot as a leader. She is calling out plays and helping the younger kids. She has good anticipation skills; she's solid on defense. She can go to the hoop; she has good court sense."

Repko is hoping her freshmen Emily Waters and Erin Cook can quickly develop court sense.

"Emily won the coaches' award last year for the middle school team, she will definitely see minutes," asserted Repko.

"Erin played just about every minute this fall for the soccer team. She's in great shape and has great stamina."

All in all, Repko should be in better shape this winter when it comes to the win-loss record. "We're going to play tougher defense this year," asserted Repko, whose club was slated to start its season by hosting George School on December 6 and Pennington on December 8.

"We'll be pressing teams more and looking to create quick buckets off of turnovers. We won two games last year; I think we'll be much stronger this year."

—Bill Alden



TURNING A CORNER: Princeton Day School senior captain Ellen Cook dribbles into the lane in action last season. With Cook providing leadership and a savvy court sense, PDS is looking to improve on the 2-19 mark it posted last season.

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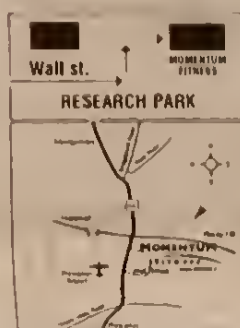
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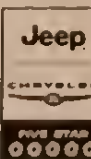
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Stuart Hoops Routs Villa Victoria in Opener; Sees Win as Harbinger of Success to Come

Tony Bowman wasn't quite sure what to expect when his Stuart Country Day School basketball team took the floor last week in its season opener against visiting Villa Victoria. "I'm still working on some gets double-doubles day in, things. It was really good to see our number six to 10 players get out there; they were having a lot of fun."

One aspect of Stuart's game that worked particularly well on opening night was senior forward Kathryn Kitts, who poured in a team-high 17 points.

Bowman acknowledges that he is going to be relying heavily on Kitts this winter. "I'm looking for her leadership, her offense, her defense and the fire she brings to the court," asserted Bowman. "She hustles better than anyone else on the team. She gets most of our rebounds. She

for us," asserted Bowman. "With Caitlin shooting 3s, we should be OK."

Stuart will be looking for junior Taj Pannell to provide some production down low. "We had her playing in the Trenton league this summer," said Bowman of the forward who chipped in six points against Villa Victoria. "We worked on her post play. Last year she would get rebounds and kick the ball outside and not shoot it. Now she's shooting and she is more aggressive."

With Stuart not having much height, Bowman acknowledges that the team has to be aggressive to hold its own in the paint. "We have to box out, I thought we did that well tonight," added Bowman. "Against the bigger teams we have to have an inside presence. We need to keep them honest so we can get the 3s from Caitlin and not have so much pressure on our guards."

In Bowman's view, his team has the depth and experience to put a lot of pressure on its foes. "I've got 13 kids," said Bowman, who got some nice minutes off the bench in the opener from Carolyn Passano, Jenae Harrington, and Christina Sheiles. "I've got a solid starting five. I've got three or four kids coming off the bench who can help. The kids that are my starters have been with me for two or three years so they know what's expected of them."

Coming off of a 10-13 campaign last season which saw the Tartans advance to the state Prep B semifinals, Bowman believes his team could produce some unexpected success this winter.

"I want to have at least a .700 record this season," said Bowman, whose team hosts Blair on December 7 before playing at Rutgers Prep on December 10. "I want us to go further in the prep tournament; that means we're going to have to knock somebody off."

—Bill Alden



FRONT ROW SEAT: Stuart basketball head coach Tony Bowman exhorts his players in a game last season. The Tartans followed Bowman's instructions to the letter last week as they opened the season by routing Villa Victoria 55-20. In upcoming action, Stuart hosts Blair on December 7 before playing at Rutgers Prep on December 10.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



TRIGGERING EFFECT: Stuart junior guard Kelly Bruvik looks to make a pass in a game last season. With Bruvik moving to the point guard position this season, Stuart is expecting her to trigger the offense.

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Bengals Girls' Soccer Ends With a Bang

The Princeton Bengals, a Princeton Soccer Association Under-13 girls' travel team ended its season on a high note, posting victories in their last two contests to finish at the top of their flight in the fall season of the JAGS league.

The Bengals topped the Tom River Hurricanes 2-1 and then earned a 3-1 win over the Pearl Gators from Langhorne, Pa. Goal scorers in the final games included Meg Bailey, Molly Barber, Laurel Kasel, and Katie Gibson. Providing good play in the mid-field were Monica King, Sarah Solomon, Taylor Laub, Talya Nakash, and Ashton Dwyer.

Dillon Youth Basketball December 3 Results

In action last Saturday in the 4th/5th Grade Boys Division of the Dillon Youth Basketball league, the Knicks topped the Bobcats 17-11 as Ellis Bloom scored eight points and Christopher Glazer added six. The Nets defeated the Heat 20-18 with six points apiece from Dallas Mosner and Scott Bechler. Lior Levy paced the Heat with 10 points while teammate Adam Straus-Goldfarb added six.

The Raptors edged the Bulls 18-17 as Alex Jones scored 10 points. Elliot Golden had a game-high 13 for the Bulls. Michael Dunlap and Zach DeGregorio scored four points each to help the 76ers slide past the Celtics 16-9. The Magic doubled the Wizards 22-11 as Jeremy Goldsmith poured in 11 points and Christopher Masselli added six.

The boys' 6th/7th grade division saw Ershow Chiropractic run past GR Murray Insurance 23-15 behind Mickey Walsh's eight points. Oliver Pimley netted six points to help Momentum Fitness edge Princeton Pettoranello Foundation, 17-10. Jonathan

Yao scored six points to help Iano's Rosticceria run past Caliper Farms Nursery. Princeton Amoco beat McCaffrey's 30-17 behind 10 points from Luke Cordonnier. Patrick Clancy chipped in six points for the winners while Jonathan Ostroff scored 10 to lead McCaffrey's. Oren Karsen and Richard Censis scored six points each to pace Sportsmedicine Princeton past American Sewing & Vacuum 16-12.

In the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Marlowe Alter scored seven points and Travis Henderson added six as the Cougars toppled the Tigers 27-23. The Raiders defeated the Pirates 20-16 as Brennan Lewis scored six points. Colby Haring and Thomas Irby scored eight points apiece to help the Knights to a 29-26 win over the Vikings.

In games in the 4th/5th grade girls' division, Charlotte Heller and Heloise DeBaun scored four points each to help Tull's Terrors to a 16-11 win over Princeton Dental Group. Annie Morris scored 12 points and Lauren Ullman added six to lead Princeton Youth Sports past Momentum Fitness.

The 6th-9th Grade girls' division saw Blawenburg Market rout Mack-Cali Realty 26-12. Meg Reilly led all scorers with 14 points for Blawenburg Market. Kim Abrams and Adi DeBiche scored eight points apiece as Dr. Von der Schmidt

Princeton Travel Hoops Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-11 boys' travel basketball team fell 29-20 to West Windsor in its season opener. Marshall Borden led Princeton with 10 points with Scott Bechler chipping in seven.

The Princeton U-14 boys squad won a pair of games over the weekend. Princeton blasted Woodbridge 38-15 on Saturday with 14 points from Josh Gordon. Skye Ettin contributed 11 points, five rebounds, and four assists for the winners. A day later, Princeton edged Hopewell 52-49 as Ettin poured in 22 points. Gordon added 12 points and five steals for Princeton.

The Princeton U-13 girls dropped their opener, falling 31-19 to Clark. Molly Barber led the way with 10 points while Jessie Frieder added four points and six rebounds.

Swimming: The PHS boys' and girls' swimming teams were slated to start their season with a meet at Steinert on December 6. The Little Tigers are next in action when they host Notre Dame on December 13 in their home opener at the John Witherspoon Middle School pool.

Boys' Basketball: Idris Hilliard led the way as Hun started the season with a 63-47 win over visiting Gilman last Saturday. Hilliard scored 23 points while post-graduate Chris Petrie added 11 in his debut for the Raiders. In upcoming action, Hun hosts Blair on December 7 before competing in the Peddie Tournament from December 9-11.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Basketball: Sparked by a big game from Porter Braswell, Lawrenceville topped visiting Gilman 62-56 in overtime last Sunday. Braswell poured in 29 points while Torin Moore had 14 points, including 10 in overtime. The Big Red, now 2-0, host Northwest Prep on December 7 before competing in the Peddie Tournament from December 9-11.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Led by Liam Teer and Zach Diaco, Lawrenceville cruised to an 8-1 win over South Kent School last Sunday. Teer and Diaco each scored two goals for the Big Red while Martin Drolet added a goal and two assists. Lawrenceville, now 1-1, hosts Hill School on December 7 before playing in the Albany Academy Tournament from December 9-11.

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Girls' Ice Hockey: Georgia Travers came up big as PDS routed Summit 8-2 last Friday. Travers scored three goals while Katherine Levinton, Jessie Cellars, Katy Briody,



OPENING SALVO: Princeton Day School junior forward Derek Mayer glides up the ice last Wednesday in the Panthers' 6-4 win over visiting Randolph. Mayer scored a goal in the season-opening victory while Clint O'Brien notched two goals and Brett DePace and Justin Mimmo each had a goal and an assist. The Panthers host Downingtown East on December 7 before playing at Hun on December 9.

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and Noni Ammidon added one apiece. In upcoming action, the Panthers, now 2-0, play at Hill before hosting Morristown-Beard on December 9 and Pingry on December 13.



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OBITUARIES



Donald E. Wise

Donald E. Wise, 62, of West Windsor, died suddenly on December 3 while hiking around Sunfish Pond in the Delaware Water Gap.

Born in Los Angeles, he received a B.A. from California State College at Los Angeles in 1966 and a Ph.D. in economics from Claremont Graduate School in 1971. Research from his dissertation on economic aspects of migrant agricultural laborers in California was cited as recently as a 2004 U.S. Congressional Report on Immigration and Labor. In 1969, he became an assistant professor of economics at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. He moved to West Windsor in 1976 to work at Mathematica, now Mathtech, a consulting firm. His expert analysis was submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court with the arguments presented in the landmark Ward's Cove decision.

In 1984, he joined the faculty of Rider College. He was serving as chairperson of the Department of Management Sciences at the time of his death.

Memorial Service For Joseph Greenberg

A memorial service for Joseph L. Greenberg, former University Registrar at Princeton University, will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Princeton University Chapel.

All are welcome to attend.

Mr. Wise's company, Wise Consulting, provided computer and network services for Nassau Presbyterian Church, Trinity Counseling Service, and the Center of Theological Inquiry, all of Princeton, and statistical analyses for private clients including the State of New Jersey.

He was a longtime member and elder at Nassau Presbyterian Church. For many years, he served the Presbytery of New Brunswick in a variety of capacities, most notably as chair of the Committee on Ministry.

He was active as a coach in Little League and as a referee in local youth soccer games for many years.

He spent his early summers in the Sierra Nevada mountains, where he enjoyed fly-fishing and hiking. In recent years he renewed his love of hiking, for the past two summers hiking portions of the John Muir Trail in California, a lifelong dream. Most weekends he could be found hiking in the Sunfish Pond and Mount Tammany sections of the Delaware Water Gap.

Predeceased by his parents, Roy and Eleanor Bowman Wise, and a son, Andrew Lee Wise, he was survived by his wife of 37 years, Helen Wise; his children, Katharine of Frostburg, Md., Ryan of Boston, Mass., Jenny of Freehold, and Matthew at Pitzer College, Claremont, Calif.; a brother, Roy Wise of Baltimore, Md.; and three grandchildren in Worcester, Mass.

Calling hours will be at the family home from 4 to 8 p.m. today, December 7.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 17, at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Andrew Lee Wise Memorial Fund for Youth Music and Mission at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Michael D. Carolus

Michael D. Carolus, 38, of West Windsor, died November 29 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Virginia Beach, Va., he was a graduate of Princeton University, obtaining a Ph.D.

He was a Lieutenant J.G. in

the U.S. Navy, serving in the First Gulf War.

He was a chemist employed by Evans Analytical Group of East Windsor.

Son of the late Roger Carolus, he is survived by his mother, Karen (Walsh) Carolus; his wife, Julia; a son, Augustus; a brother, Jacob Paulson; and two sisters, Tami Audeh and April Johnson.

The funeral was December 5 at the Princeton University Chapel.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Robert G. Mills

Robert G. Mills, 81, of Pennington, formerly of Princeton, died December 5 at Stony Brook Assisted Living in Pennington. He was the son of Gail A. Mills, a former Controller of Princeton University, and Helen June Taylor Mills.

Born in Effingham, Ill., he moved with his parents to Princeton in 1928 and graduated from Princeton High School in 1941. He attended Princeton University, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering as a member of the class of 1945. Like many of the wartime generation, he graduated early, in 1944, in order to enter military service. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Chief Petty Officer from 1944 to 1946, largely at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Following the war, he studied at the University of Michigan, earning a master's degree in mathematics in 1947. He then earned a Ph.D. in physics at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1952. As a graduate student he was involved in the Upper Atmosphere Research Program, putting instrumentation on captured V-2 rockets at White Sands, New Mexico. During this time he met his future wife, Mary Addie Steer. They were married in 1947. In 1952 he moved to Switzerland where he did post-graduate research at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. After returning from Switzerland in 1954 he became one of the first scientists to join the world's initial research program in fusion power, Project Matterhorn. The project developed into the

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

He was involved in the design of a number of Stellarators and Tokamaks, experimental fusion reactors, and other research machines at PPPL. He led the Engineering Division at PPPL for 20 years. After retirement from PPPL he became a lecturer with the rank of professor in Princeton University's Chemical Engineering Department, and established an interdepartmental program in Plasma Science and Fusion Technology.

He was the Princeton Borough representative on the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority from 1978 to 1991 and for a time held the position of treasurer.

He was a fellow of the IEEE, the American Nuclear Society, and the American Physics Society; and a member of other academic societies as well as the North American Rock Garden Society.

His hobbies included flying airplanes and sailplanes, photography, bowling, hiking, and reading mysteries. He enjoyed traveling to see and photograph total solar eclipses.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan Mills Kifuthu; a son, Robert W. Mills; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held this Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

Esther F. Engelke

Esther Frances Engelke, 87, of West Windsor, died December 4 at The Applegarth Care Center in Monroe Township. She lived most of her life in the Penns Neck section of West Windsor Township.

She was a graduate of Princeton High School and Rider College.

As a young woman, she worked at Walker-Gordon in Plainsboro. During World War II she received training in civil engineering at the Navy Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks, in Washington, D.C. Forty years of her life were spent working in highway engineering with the Navy Department, C.S. Sincereaux in Princeton, and DeLeuw, Cather and Co. in New York City. The New Jersey Turnpike and The Garden State Parkway were among the many projects she worked

on. The last 22 years of her career were spent at the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a Principal Highway Engineer. She retired in 1981.

After her retirement she was a model for two Seward Johnson sculptures.

She was a member of the Princeton Baptist Church of Penns Neck and the West Windsor Senior Citizens. She enjoyed sewing and painting.

The daughter of the late Robert and Ida Williamson Engelke, she is survived by a sister, Louise Connolly, of Penns Neck; and a niece, Susan Parris of Penns Neck.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. this Friday, December 9 at the Princeton Baptist Church of Penns Neck. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Princeton Child Development Institute, 300 Cold Soil Road, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.



Emilio Castaneda

Emilio Castaneda, 67, of Montgomery Township, died November 29 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Coslo, Santander, Spain, he had lived in the Princeton area since 1967.

He was the founder and owner of Emilio's Painting Company.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Huguette Castaneda; two sons, Emil of St. Paul, Minn. and Richard of Skillman; three sisters, Tomasa, Sophia, and Carmena, all of Spain; two brothers, Antonio and Jesus of Rocky

Hill; and three granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 2 at St. Paul's Church. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University Medical Center at Princeton, Oncology Dept., 253 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08540; or to Fox Chase Cancer Center, 333 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19111.

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Samuel Hamill

Samuel Hamill, 29, of Princeton and Tremont, Maine, died November 16 at a friend's home in Ellsworth. He had struggled for many years with an addiction to heroin and other drugs.

Born in Philadelphia, he attended Princeton Day School, graduated from Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass., and attended the College of the Atlantic and the Audubon Expedition Institute for one year each. Until spring, 2005, he had been a regional manager for Love-Sac, Inc., a Minneapolis furniture manufacturer and retailer, in Minneapolis and Memphis, Tenn. In the summer of this year he formed The Sullivan Granite Co. with two friends in Sullivan, Maine, for the purpose of quarrying granite. He was a part owner of the Criterion Theater, an historic landmark in Bar Harbor, Maine.

For recreation, he was devoted to travel, skiing, snowboarding, and motorcycling.

He loved and valued his many friends in Princeton, Mount Desert Island, and elsewhere, and was devoted to his close-knit families in Princeton and Wawa, Pa. He had a reputation for kindness and generosity. He gained support from several Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups in New

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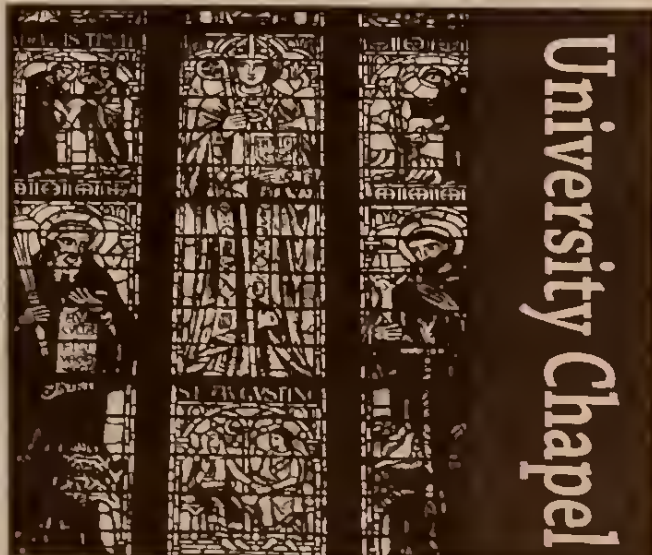
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A memorial service was held at the Friends Monthly Meeting on Quakerbridge Road on November 28.

His family hopes that his death will help others understand the devastation to families caused by alcohol and drug abuse.

Tax deductible contributions in his memory may be made to The MDI Alcohol and Drug Group, Inc., P.O. Box 616, Southwest Harbor, Maine 04679.

Funeral arrangements were by the Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home in Somesville, Maine.



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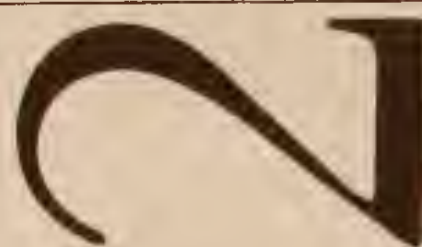


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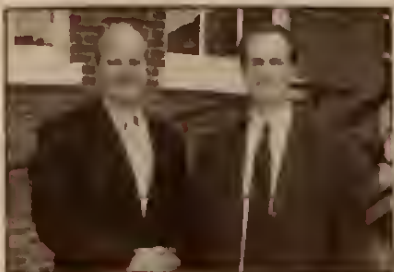
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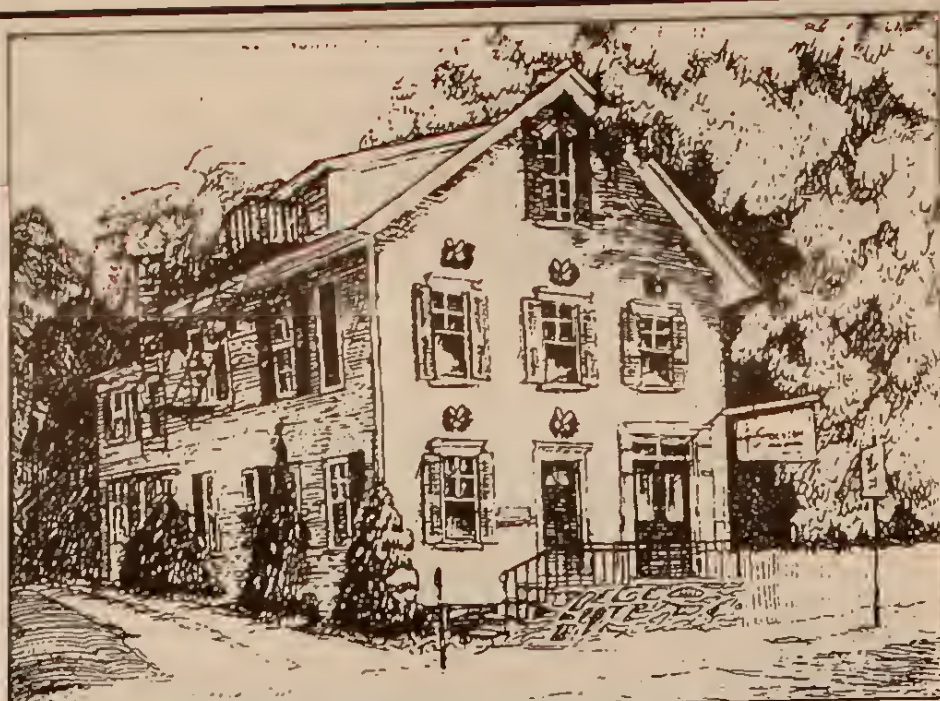
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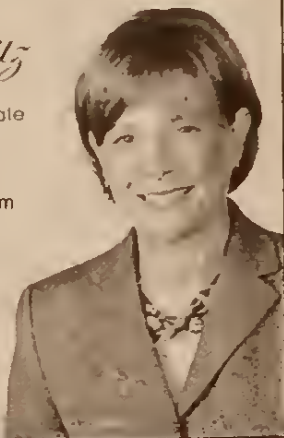
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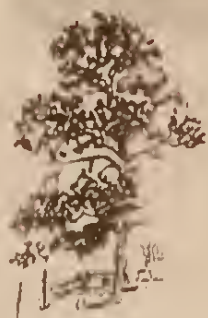
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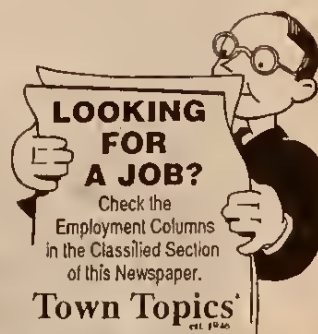
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Holiday Hospitality for Out-of-town Guests Offers Creative Opportunities for Entertaining

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They're on the way, they'll be here before you know it, and indeed, you are looking forward to family and friends spending time with you during the holidays. But what to do with them? Where to put them?

A little planning can go a long way in creating a festive atmosphere for guests, whatever their length of stay. First, sleeping arrangements. Depending on the number and ages of the visitors, dispatching them to the nearest hotel, motel, or charming bed and breakfast can be a wise move. And one which will not send you behind bars for the season! It may be just what they want.

You love your grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc., etc., but when you give up your bed to them, and you and your wife toss and turn on your lumpy pull-out couch in the family room all night, you do not awake with holly in your heart the next morning.

Let everyone enjoy a good night's sleep, and depending on the circumstances, you can cover the cost of the hotel stay, or they may want to foot the bill themselves.

Comfortable Bed

A neighbor, who has entertained many a holiday guest, offers an innovative variation on the theme. He reserves a suite at a nearby hotel for him and his wife, leaving the relatives with "the run of the bedrooms" each night. Everyone is happy, and the hosts are fresh and rested each morning, ready to face the relatives (and their five children!) and the day.

One of my friends in Connecticut reports another clever way to handle holiday house guests. "A wonderful elderly couple, the Grahams, lived in a very large house across the street from us. Another neighbor, who was leaving for a

week during the holidays, offered her house to the Grahams while their children's families were in town, so everyone could have a comfortable bed.

"The Grahams moved across the street for a few days, and Mrs. Graham said it was one of the best ideas she'd experienced in her 80-plus odd years. 'They're happy, we're happy. And they don't have to go around, saying, 'Be quiet, Granny and

Grandpa are old, and like to sleep.'

"The Grahams enjoyed looking out the neighbor's window in the morning, seeing their grandchildren run around their yard, yelling like banshees, while they sipped their coffee and nibbled on croissants."

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make the sleeping arrangements as comfortable as possible. If there are more guests than beds, look into air mattresses, futons, and sleeping bags. Kids get a kick out of sleeping on the floor. Floors don't seem as hard when you're 10 as when you are 40!

One friend solved the sleeping problem in a very creative way: she checked with rental companies in the area, and found she could rent bunk beds for just a little more than cot-type beds. The guests' children loved the idea of bunk beds, and everyone was happy. The kids drew letters, "U" or "L" out of a hat each night to determine who got upper or lower bunks. On the last night of the visit, the child who never got his/her first choice got to pick any bunk.

Welcome Mat

Putting out the welcome mat is, of course, the major priority. While guests are under your roof, it is up to you to make them feel at home. Some hosts and hostesses even put together a small "Guest Basket", filling it with towels, soaps, lotions, toothpaste, etc. If a guest has forgotten something, this can do the trick. Some hosts even include a welcoming note inside, and others provide a serving tray on wheels, with coffee-maker, and fully stocked with cups, napkins, spoons, etc., so guests who are early risers, need not be without their first cup of the day.

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FROSTY AND SANTA AT THE SHOPPING CENTER: Frosty the Snowman looks to be warming the crowd up for Santa at Saturday's holiday event at the Princeton Shopping Center.

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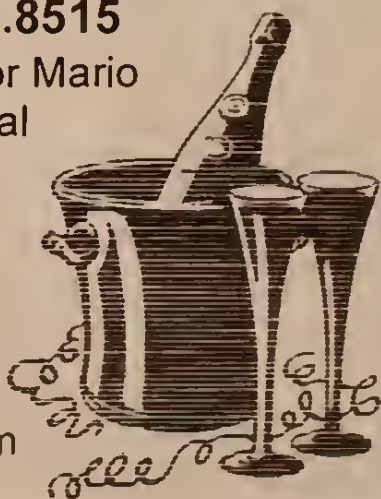
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A vase with fresh flowers or seasonal greens also adds a warm welcome. A luggage rack in the guest room is sure to please, and if possible, empty a drawer and provide some extra space in the closet. Difficult during the busy holidays perhaps, but these touches definitely add to a guest's comfort.

Chances are when company comes, you will be in the midst of or at the end of shopping, wrapping, decorating, etc. Sometimes, your guests will pitch right in. A long-time Princeton friend says that when her sisters arrive, they often go right to work.

"Of course, they're like old shoes! I don't have to go out of my way to entertain them. They usually say, 'let us finish

your wrapping (because naturally, I'm never done!) Usually, one wraps, and the other puts on the bows and ribbons. Of course, I have to make sure that I have already wrapped their gifts."

Speaking of wrapping presents, another friend has figured out a super way to make friends feel right at home and finish their own holiday wrapping. "A couple of years ago, we entertained guests from the midwest; they arrived with their children and grandchildren and a few extra suitcases filled with presents for everyone. Because of the airline security rules, they were unable to bring wrapped gifts.

"When we arrived at the airport, they asked us to stop at a store which carried wrapping paper. I knew that we had rolls and rolls of it at our house, so we didn't make the purchase. What I had forgotten is that we only had a little Scotch tape, no gift cards, and I couldn't locate a pair of scissors (I'm always sure I've wrapped them in one of my gifts). So, off we went to the local supermarket, only to find that Scotch tape was as scarce as rooms at the inn in Bethlehem! After our guests' long delayed flight and our wait at the airport to pick them up, this was a hassle no one wanted.

Last-Minute

"Last year," she continues, "I got smart. I filled a large wastebasket with rolls of wrapping paper, ribbon, scissors (two pair), rolls of Scotch tape, and gift cards. I placed the container in the guest room, and everything was ready when our guests flew in.

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FINE FURNITURE: Todd Gasior, of Gasior's Furniture & Accessories, is shown beside a handsome 18th Century reproduction mahogany curio by Robert & Robert. Many holiday gifts, from furniture to lamps to artwork to faux floral arrangements from N.D.I. and the Tupper line, are all available. Game tables, globes, and grandfather's clocks are special gifts, and for the golfing guy on your list, how about the Gentleman's Golfer's Valet? Or perhaps a handsome barometer? Bookcases, pie crust tables, and settees are always popular, and also on display is a ladderback child's highchair. Henken Harris silver chest, decorative mahogany boxes, and a wrought iron baker's rack are among the many choices at this popular store.

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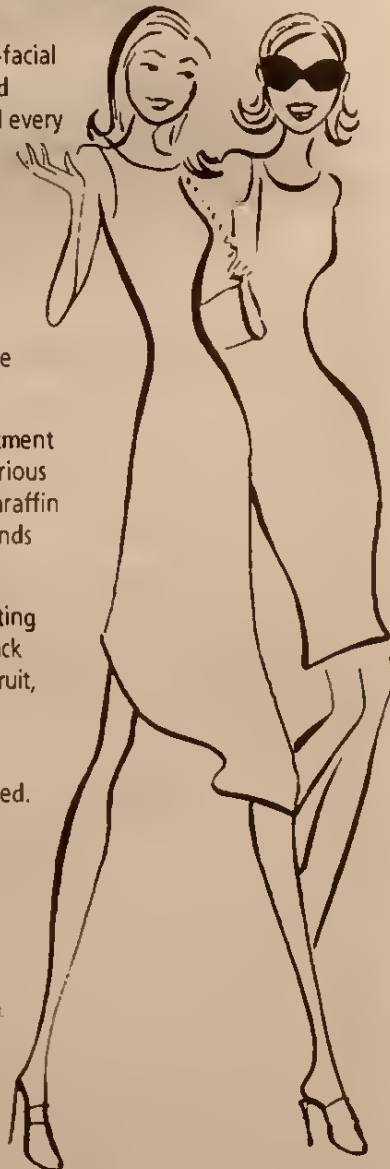
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They even offered to help us wrap some of our last-minute items."

Keeping guests occupied is important, and it's a good idea to have a list of options. One of my friends, an experienced holiday hostess, prints out an agenda for her guests. She lists meal times, activities (tree-trimming, decorating, etc.), trips to town or mall, dining out, etc. She places an agenda card, decorated with red and green ink, in each guest room. This way everyone knows what's going on.

Many guests enjoy being a part of the family activities, and that can include going to get the Christmas tree, trimming it, and helping to decorate the house. It's a chance

for everyone to connect and enjoy the holiday preparations.

This might also mean baking cookies together, a tradition in many households in the days leading to Christmas. It is especially fun when children are among the guests. My neighbor enjoys making gingerbread men with visiting small fry, and part of the ritual includes reading "The Gingerbread Man."

"We read the story and then spend the rest of the afternoon rolling, cutting, and decorating gingerbread men. Raisins for buttons, almonds for eyes, and little red candles for the mouth. So far, our gingerbread men have never jumped out of the oven and run out the door. They do taste good, however!"

"Run, run, run, as for us you can;

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Kid-Pleaser

Making homemade ornaments is also fun for children, and a sure-fire kid-pleaser is a costume box for dress-up. A grandmother in the neighborhood knows first-hand. She has entertained her 13 grandchildren in this way, and it never fails. "Create a costume box filled with discarded wardrobe items, such as old shoes, scarves, hats, and glittery jewelry. Let the visiting children create an outfit, and then put together skits and songs, as they dress up."

Planning a "Grown-ups Night Out", while the kids do their thing, is certainly a good

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Figurative Art in Medieval Islam: And the Riddle of Bihzad of Heart by Michael Barry

More than 300 gorgeous color plates illustrate this oversize volume and are accompanied by text that attempts to decipher the allegorical code of 15th and 16th century "Persian miniatures," in part by examining extracts of medieval mystical Persian poetry. Barry, who was recently appointed Chairman of the Department of Islamic Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, focuses on the work of late 15th-century painter Bihzad, and addresses the religious enigma posed by the existence of Islamic figurative art. He discusses the formation of this genre from the 8th to the 15th centuries, considers Bihzad as guild master, and examines paintings relating to Zulaykha's Castle, and to Alexander's Cave. The book includes a chronology of the Islamic Empire.

The Legacy of Homer: Four Centuries of Art from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Des Beaux-Arts, Paris by Emmanuel Schwartz

From its founding in 1648, the Académie Royale de Peinture et de sculpture and its successor, the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Des Beaux-Arts in Paris were devoted to the Greek model. Mythology and poetry, along with the study of sculpture, were the foundations of academic teaching there. As a result, Greek gods and heroes were reborn in innumerable works by pupils and teachers of the école. This lavishly illustrated book explores the impact of the poet Homer on four centuries of French artists through the lens of the école's superb collections of paintings, prints, and sculptures.

Matisse the Master: A Life of Henri Matisse The Conquest of Colour: 1909-1954 by Hilary Spurling

The second volume of Hilary Spurling's two-volume biography of Henri Matisse (1869-1954) has been a long time coming (the first volume was published in 1998), but it's worth the wait. The second half of the painter's life was even more eventful than the first. Matisse the Master rejoins the artist in 1909, when his wealth and international fame already seemed secure. But two world wars tore France – and his family – apart; aesthetic tides shifted against him; his marriage ended in bitter failure, and Matisse experimented with his art in radical, unsettling ways. This authoritative 544-page biography is worthy of its subject.

Painterly Enlightenment: The Art of Franz Anton Maulbertsch 1724-1796 by Thomas DaCosta Kaufman

Kaufmann offers the most comprehensive study available of Austrian fresco painter Franz Anton Maulbertsch, one of the leading architectural painters of the 18th century and a colorist now often compared to his contemporary, the celebrated Venetian artist Giovanni Battista Tiepolo. Kaufmann's analysis also sheds light on the relationship between the Enlightenment and the arts.

Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre

by Richard Thomson, Phillip Dennis Cate and Mary Weaver Chapin
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idea. One friend always books a neighborhood baby sitter (weeks in advance, as the holidays are prime time for sitters) for one night when the guests are visiting. This gives the adults some time on their own, and allows the children time away from their parents. Everyone emerges happier!

Depending on the household, meal-time can be casual or formal, and again, planning ahead is important in keeping the stress level at bay.

Nothing beats waking up in the morning to the wonderful aroma of something sweet baking in the oven. (On the other hand, guests may never leave!) If you are not a morning person, you can often prepare the night before. Some sausage casseroles and French toast recipes can be prepared in this way and refrigerated, to be baked the next morning. Muffin batter also can be made and refrigerated until it's time to bake.

"Be sure, especially if children are involved, to ask for menu suggestions for the various meals you will serve to your guests," advises a New York City friend. "No sense in making your favorite sweet potato in orange shells side dish, if people are going to politely eat a fork-tine's amount."

"Also," she adds, "when asking for menu suggestions, this is a good time to propose that your guests send you one of their favorite holiday recipes. Tell them (no, don't ask them!) that you would love to have some new additions to your holiday recipe collection, so you would like her/him to prepare one of his/ her special treats for the holiday dinner. You will provide all the ingredients when you do your holiday shopping, and every-

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Nice Extra
Most guests will be pleased to participate in this way. On the other hand, another friend points out that she never asks guests to do anything, and if they do, "It comes as a nice surprise. A very nice extra."

Another thing, when planning meals, if time is tight, supplementing your holiday dinners with catering or store-bought (gourmet, of course!) treats can be a real time-saver. In other words, roast your turkey, ham, etc., but have the cranberry sauce (with brandy or Grand Marnier, and toasted pecans, etc., etc.) "brought in" or picked up. There are numerous establishments in Princeton happy to provide such a service.

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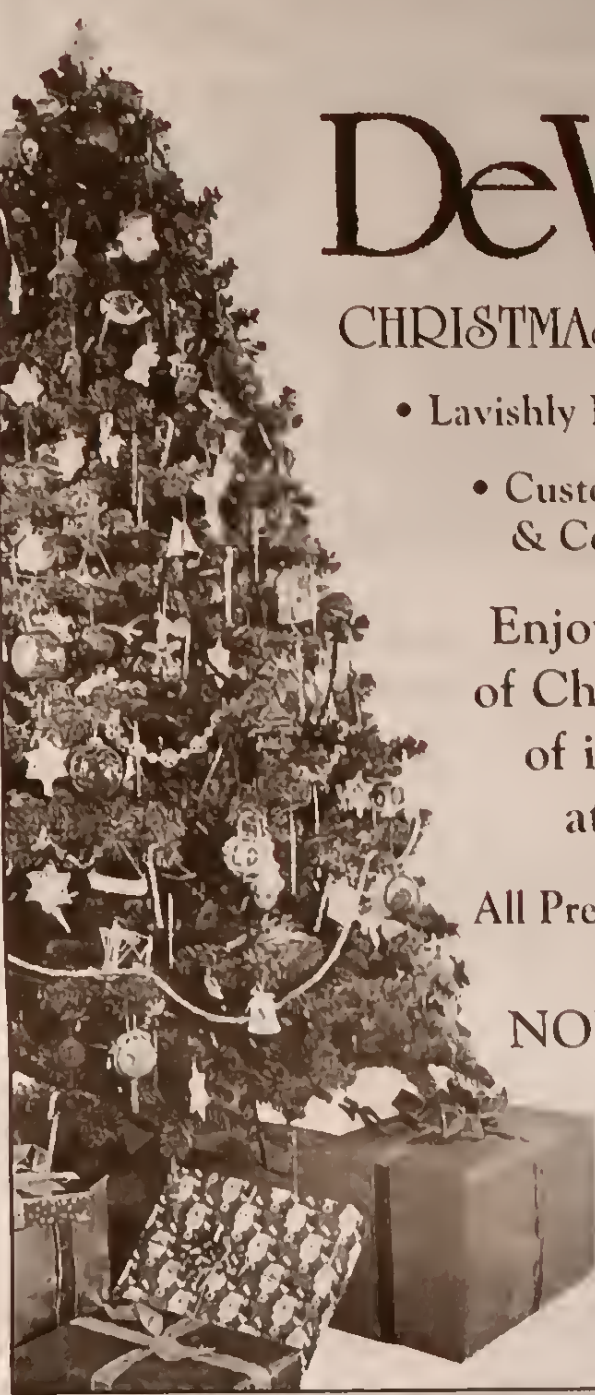
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appropriate restaurants and experience the holiday flavor of the big city.

Many guests who are staying for a few days or more will suggest either dining out or bringing in take-out (their treat). Before the guests arrive, have some take-out menus from places you like, and which you know are consistent and reliable, available, so that guests can look them over and make a decision. You can also provide a list of

The holidays are filled with wonderful events, from caroling to productions of "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol" to music programs of all kinds. Planning to attend a special matinee or evening performance could create a special memory for your guests. New York and Philadelphia are also near enough to get in to see the city lights, colorful store decorations, and

Above all, enjoy yourself! Remember, your guests will have fun if you have fun. Don't be a control freak. If guests want to help out, say "Yes!" Don't get so caught up in the role of "Perfect" host/hostess that you never sit down, relax, and relish the good conversation by the fireside. A little

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dust or a late dinner one night is not a big deal. It's the sharing that's important. It's a treat for people to go to someone's house and share in their life for that time.

Laugh, play charades, get out the old photos, reminisce. Sing carols, read Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" or "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Make it a special time. Keep the old traditions and make new ones.

As one hostess points out, "My whole view about having people over during the holidays is that it's all in your attitude and outlook. You have to think it will be fun and that you'll have a good time. Don't let things bother you if it's not perfect or doesn't go just according to your plan. Be flexible, and if you go into it happily, you will enjoy it. I am just so glad to have all the family and my friends together. I am grateful for that moment."

With that outlook, you and your guests can create holiday memories that will last through the years. Remember the saying, "People may forget what you did or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel."

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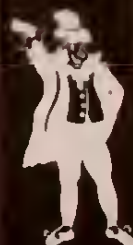
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Soon, the post office turns into Radio City Music Hall! Even those holding heavy packages set them down and

become part of the chorus line. The grumpy moods of many disgruntled folks in line fade and turn into big silly grins.

So, a fitness routine can take place anywhere, any time, even in the most unexpected settings. A little ingenuity comes in handy when time is tight, and too many parties bring on too many calories.

The average weight gain for holiday revelers between Thanksgiving and New Year's is said to be anywhere from four to eight pounds. There are basically two ways to deal with all that delicious temptation — eat less, and exercise. Both can be hard because of the availability of so much good food and the lack of time to keep up a regular exercise schedule.

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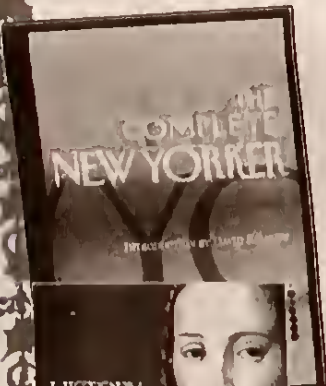
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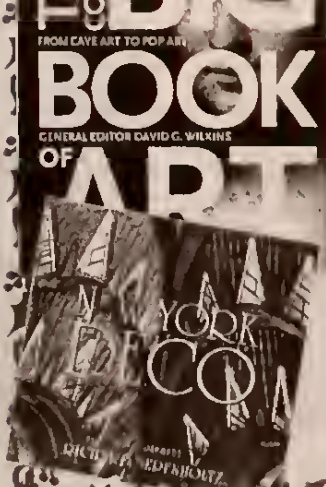
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Unusual Option
As the foregoing vignette demonstrated, however, exercise can really be done anywhere. Don't worry if you can't keep to a disciplined schedule at the gym. Improvise! Park farther away from stores or office, and walk. Take the stairs instead of elevators. Walk around the block or mall an extra time or two on a shopping expedition. A friend suggests taking the unusual option of walking (running if you're feeling vigorous) up the down escalator to the next floor. You might have to explain your behavior to others on the escalator, however. The point is to be flexible. Think outside the gym! If you are trying on shoes, what a great opportunity to do some calf-raises. If it's a cold day, put on some extra layers, and walk or run to your next

appointment. Cross-country skiing is great if there is enough snow.

Vary your routine. Take a walk in the park or explore a different area of the neighborhood. The idea is to keep moving. Not only does it help you keep the pounds off, it can increase energy, and decrease stress and ward off holiday-induced panic attacks!

At home, if you have an exercise bike, by all means use it! If not, there are all kinds of other alternatives — leg lifts while watching TV, several brisk trips up and down the stairs, bicep curls with soup cans, if you don't have free weights. Be imaginative.

Then, of course, there is the other option of pushing away the plate. There are probably as many versions of coping with the over-abundance of holiday goodies as there are dinner parties. A friend, who

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enjoys the holiday season and who is invited to a plethora of parties, has devised an almost fool-proof plan. "Take what is served, and eat half. After all, you don't want to insult the hostess, and this way, you are being polite, but not overdoing the eating."

Extra Care

Another friend, an experienced Weight Watchers devotee, offers a more unusual solution to the threat to the waistline. "When it's a buffet, if you're right-handed, serve yourself with your left hand, or vice versa."

Of course, she warns, you have to take extra care to see that food doesn't fall to the floor on the way to the plate! All this caution, however, leads to smaller portions, less indigestion and weight gain.

Another tip is to take a salad plate for the main course, rather than a large dinner plate.

Then, there are the advocates of eating before the party. Not so much fun perhaps, but a small low-cal snack can cut into the cravings when you look upon a table filled with temptation of every kind. Drinking extra water beforehand is one way to fill up, and another, if you simply can't resist, is to wait 20 minutes before going back for second helpings. That gives the body time to register the degree of fullness. Also, a little walk —

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or at least a wait — between the main meal and dessert helps, too.

Another friend, with a time-honored sweet tooth, takes a somewhat different — and yet measured — approach. "My daughter and I were Christmas-shopping, and decided it was time for a break and a snack. Karen spied an ice cream shop, and we each ordered something scrumptious. It was mid-afternoon, and we realized that we would probably eat light dinners, which we did. I learned from that experience that having even a small amount of a special treat fills you up, and you won't gobble your way through the hors d'oeuvres at a holiday party. Maybe the nutritionists wouldn't approve of my method, but it works for me!"

If you have over-indulged the night before, don't panic. Try to fit in at least 20 minutes of exercise the next day, advises another party-going expert. "In fact, plan on being really careful for three days

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following if you can, you will be able to lose the unwanted pounds. It's like having a bank account; if you overspend one day, just be really careful for a while, and you'll be fine. And if you know that you are going to have a really wonderful feast, be extra careful for two to three days beforehand. I rely on tuna, grapefruit, broccoli, or green beans. And I drink plenty of water and hot tea."

Safe Foods

Keeping "safe" foods around is important, she adds. "Raw veggies, cooked veggies, and hard-boiled eggs: They're easy to grab in front of the fridge. At a party, tomato juice can be great, and with a little doctoring, tastes as good as a bloody Mary. Tonic with lime and ice is delicious, too."

Also, if you are the one throwing the party, you can watch out for your guests' waistlines by cutting back on high fat and high-sugar ingredients. Little changes can add up to big savings — non-fat half and half in the pumpkin pie, avoiding cream and sugar-based drinks, and adding unexpected crudites — snow peas, mini peppers, sliced shiitakes. Keep it interesting.

And, try not to overdo the alcohol — a big source of empty calories.

Of course, it is the holiday season, and you want to have fun. There is no point in feeling deprived. It can backfire with a big-time binge! As one happy holiday reveler points out, "Eat in December, pay in January!"

There is a happy medium, however. Moderation is, so often, the best policy. Enjoy all that festive eating — but enjoy wisely!

—Jean Stratton



PLEASURES OF PEARLS: Manager Sharon Appello (left) and Gale Smith, associate, of Princeton Jewelers, are shown by a display of fresh water Honora pearls, always popular for the holidays. Pearls of all styles, especially the "long" look — one long, multi-layered strand — are favorites with all ages. Another hot holiday hit is the Honora diamond circle bracelet, which is a number one gift this season. Hand-done sterling silver and multi-colored beads in bracelets, necklaces, and earrings are also in demand, as are colored stones, such as sapphires in "rainbow" bracelets. Small diamond crosses are popular, and the Baby Honora line offers sterling silver baby "dog tags", featuring soft mother-of-pearl accents, with matching I.D. bracelets.

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A Gala Night at Drumthwacket With the Governor



A VIEW OF THE CROWD: Guests at the December 3 Drumthwacket Gala. Governor and Mrs. Richard J. Codey were on hand at the Drumthwacket Foundation's only major fundraiser.

(Photo by George Vogel)



A DRUMTHWACKET THREESOME: Chamber of Commerce President Kristin Appleget with Michael and Beverly Mills. Ms. Mills is executive director of the Drumthwacket Foundation.

(Photo by George Vogel)



GOVERNOR AND MRS. CODEY: Governor Richard J. Codey and his wife Mary Jo last Saturday evening with Trustee James Robinson, chairperson of the Drumthwacket Foundation's annual gala.

(Photo by George Vogel)



GREETING THE CHOIR: Governor Richard J. Codey greets singers from the Alumnae Cantores of the Princeton Girlchoir, which performed at Saturday's Drumthwacket Gala. The Gala is the Foundation's only major fundraiser, supporting the work of preserving the house and grounds, and opening the house for public tours. Contributions to the Foundation also help to support tours for schoolchildren from New Jersey's disadvantaged school districts.

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A HOLIDAY SMILE: Kerry Dyke in front of the big Christmas tree at the December 3 Drumthwacket Gala.

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